

CAMPING GUIDE

Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest



Welcome!

Established in 1925 to protect the streamflow at the headwaters of the Wisconsin, Flambeau, and Manitowish Rivers, the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest occupies more than 226,000 acres in parts of Vilas, Oneida and Iron Counties. More than two million visitors come to the state forest each year to hunt, fish, camp, bike, hike, ski, ice fish and go snowmobiling.

There are eighteen family campgrounds and approximately 900 campsites in the forest, and two outdoor group camping areas that will accommodate a total of 100. Boat landings are provided at most campgrounds. Sites in five of the family campgrounds, Crystal Lake, Muskie Lake, Clear Lake, Firefly Lake, and Indian Mounds, plus the two group campgrounds can be reserved.

There are also five wilderness camping areas with a total of thirteen campsites for which reservations can be made. Over a hundred canoe campsites are located along the many miles of waterways in the forest, with access by water only. Winter camping is permitted at the Clear Lake campground. Backpack camping using existing snowmobile trails is allowed on the forest, this requires a special permit.

The forest has four picnic areas with drinking water and vault toilets. The Crystal Lake, Clear Lake, Indian Mounds and Little Star Picnic Areas also have swimming beaches. There are four nature trails ranging in length from one and one-half to two and one-half miles. There are other hiking trails, including the 12.5 mile-long Lumberjack Trail.

The NH-AL has a full-time Naturalist. During the summer, day and evening programs are presented at the Crystal Lake Nature Center and Clear Lake Campground. Visitors are asked to check posters in the campground and other forest facilities for details. Guided hikes are conducted by the Naturalist several times a week.

The forest lends itself to many winter activities. Hunting, subject to certain regulations, is permitted. Cross-country skiers will find more than 40 miles of groomed and marked trails and another 30 miles of winter use trails. The forest keeps three trail parking lots plowed especially for snowshoers. The forest offers snowmobilers nearly 400 miles of trails that connect with an extensive network of county and local club trails.

A wide variety of wildlife inhabits the forest, including endangered, threatened, and sensitive species. Some, such as the spotted salamander, wood turtle, and Cooper's hawk are quite rare and inconspicuous. Others such as the bald eagle, osprey and common loon can be seen frequently throughout the forest.

Because the NH-AL is so expansive, it surrounds a number of communities where a wide variety of services and accommodations are available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters
4125 CTY HWY M
Boulder Junction WI 54512
715-385-2704 or 715-385-2727

Woodruff Service Center
8770 CTY HWY J
Woodruff WI 54568
715-356-5211

Crystal Lake Contact Station (Memorial Day - Labor Day) 715-542-3923

Clear Lake Contact Station (Memorial Day - Labor Day) 715-356-3668

REGISTRATION:

For the Crystal-Muskie and Firefly campgrounds, and for the Allequash Lake, Day Lake and Nebish Lake wilderness sites, registration is at the Crystal Lake Contact Station. For the Indian Mounds, Carrol, and Clear campgrounds, and for the Clear Lake wilderness sites, registration is at the Clear Lake Contact Station. The contact stations are open from the Wednesday before Memorial Day till Labor Day.

At all other family and group campgrounds, set up your camp and an attendant will register you on his/her daily rounds.

All off-season campers are required to self-register prior to setting up camp at the self-registration station at each campground entrance. Off-season Clear Lake wilderness site campers register at the Clear lake self-registration station.

Off-season Allequash Lake, Day Lake and Nebish Lake wilderness site campers register at the North Trout Lake self-registration station.



RESERVATIONS:

The Northern Highland- American Legion State Forest's reservation season runs from the Wednesday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. Off-season, all open sites are first come first serve. Campers are able to make reservations from 11 months to 2 days in advance for the following camping areas:

Crystal Lake Campground	Allequash Lake Wilderness Sites
Muskie Lake Campground	Day Lake Wilderness Sites
Firefly Lake Campground	Nebish Lake Wilderness Sites
Clear Lake Campground	Clear Lake Wilderness Sites
Indian Mounds Campground	Jag Lake Group Camp
North Muskie Lake Group Camp	

Reservations are made by calling the Reserve America call center in Madison at **888-947-2757** or by using the internet web site www.wiparks.net.

Remember, if Reserve America shows that there are no sites available to reserve, there are still 13 campgrounds on the forest that have only first come first serve sites.

CAMPING FEES:

All of the State Forest Campgrounds require a fee. The following fees are per night, per site:

Campground	WI Resident	Non-Resident
Carroll	\$9.00 Friday & Saturday	\$11.00 Friday & Saturday
Clear	(Sun. on Holiday weekends,	(Sun. on Holiday weekends,
Crystal	Memorial Day, Labor Day etc.)	Memorial Day, Labor Day etc.)
Firefly		
Indian Mounds	\$7.00 Sun. thru Thurs.	\$9.00 Sun. thru Thurs.
Muskie	and every day off-season	and every day off-season

VEHICLE ADMISSION STICKERS:

A Vehicle Admission Sticker is required on all motor vehicles entering the State Forest's campgrounds, picnic areas, beaches, or boat landings located within a campground. You can purchase either an annual sticker, for admission to all state parks, forests and recreation areas for the calendar year, or a daily sticker, valid only on the date of issue. (These fees were current when this guide was printed, prices may have changed.)

Wisconsin Plates	*Annual \$20.00	Daily \$5.00
Wisconsin Plates Senior	Annual \$10.00	Daily \$3.00
Out of State Plates	*Annual \$30.00	Daily \$10.00

* If visitors need to purchase a second annual sticker for a vehicle belonging to someone who resides in the same household, the second sticker is half-price. A half-price sticker application is available on request. Resident Seniors do not receive an additional discount on their second sticker, the second sticker is the same price as the first.

GROUP CAMPGROUNDS:

There are two group campgrounds, one on Jag Lake and one on North Muskelunge Lake. Group sites can be reserved for a maximum of 2 weeks. Jag Lake will accommodate tents only. Our group campgrounds are very popular and usually not available without a reservation. Reservations can be made through Reserve America for up to two weeks in the time period between the Wednesday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. The fees for the group camps are as follows:

# of People	Cost Per Night
1-20	\$30.00
21-30	\$45.00
31-40	\$60.00
41-50	\$75.00
51-60	\$90.00

For groups over 70, add \$15.00 for each increment of 10 people up to a maximum of \$300.00 per group.

Non-profit youth organizations receive a special rate.

BACKPACKING AND CANOE CAMPSITES:

Canoe campers have over 70 sites for **one night only** at each site camping. There is no charge for these sites, but campers must access them by canoe or boat.

Backpack camping is permitted at no charge using the Lumberjack Trail or existing snowmobile trails. A permit is required for this type of camping. Special permits may be obtained at the Trout Lake Headquarters, the Woodruff Service Center, or at one of the Contact Stations.

FIREWOOD:

Firewood is sold daily, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, at the contact stations. There is also a wood bin with posted hours at North Trout campground. At other times of the year firewood is available from private sources in the area. Visitors camping in a NH-AL campsite are allowed to collect their own firewood for use while they are camping only. Wood collected must be from trees that are **dead and down**. Chainsaws are **NOT** allowed in the campgrounds. Wood cannot be collected from an active logging site.

TRAILER DUMP STATION:

Trailer dump stations are located at Clear Lake Campground, Crystal-Muskie Lake Campgrounds and North Trout Campground. The dump stations are for holding tanks and a fresh water fill-up tower is available. Campers may not drain dish waste water or sewage onto the ground. Dump stations are open from Memorial Day to Labor day only.

Visitors to our picnic areas, shelters, beaches and other day-use areas are required to take garbage and recyclables home.

GARBAGE AND RECYLING:

Dumpsters and recycling stations are located throughout the campgrounds. Please cooperate by taking garbage to the nearest dumpster. **Fire rings are not to be used as garbage cans, glass and metal do not burn.** Please leave your campsite cleaner than it was before you arrived. Be concerned enough to pick up after careless, inconsiderate visitors.

ELECTRICITY:

Northern Highland American Legion State Forest provides a more rustic camping experience. The only site that has an electrical hookup is one of the Accessible Sites in the Crystal Lake Campground. This site can be reserved if a member of your camping party is handicapped.

LOST AND FOUND:

A lost and found service is maintained at the Crystal and Clear Lake contact stations. Found items may be turned in and lost items reported.

WINTER CAMPING:

A loop in the Clear Lake Campground is kept plowed all winter long. Campers must self-register at the entrance to the campground. Vault toilets and a hand pump for water are available at that time.

ACCESSIBLE TO ALL:

Many people with disabilities explore and enjoy Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. Most of our picnic areas, offices, and toilet/shower facilities and the Nature Center are accessible. Many of our campsites are suitable for people with handicaps, but five of our sites are specifically designated accessible. These sites are flat, and have special tables and fire rings.

They are: Site 801 at Clear Lake Campground

Site 318 at Muskie Lake Campground

Site 222 at Firefly Lake Campground

Sites 463 & 503 at Crystal Lake Campground

Site 463 is gravel covered and has electricity. These sites are all reservable, but only if someone in your camping party is handicapped. Keys for the accessible showers at Clear, Crystal & Muskie Campgrounds must be obtained from the Contact Stations.

There are also four handicapped accessible fishing piers located at:

- 1) Carrol Lake - at the Carrol Lake Boatlanding and Campground.
- 2) Plum Lake - near the intersection of Plum Lake Campground Road, right off Hwy N.
- 3) Upper Gresham - at the Upper Gresham Boatlanding and Campground.
- 4) Town of Minocqua - just North of the Hwy 51 bridge. Adjacent to the Lakeview Motel and across from Bosacki's.



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

This information is intended to help you enjoy your stay. Answers to the most common questions and situations are listed below. For complete rules and regulations, see Chapter NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code.

- 1) Only one camping party may occupy a site. A camping party may consist of one of the following:
 - a) A family plus two guests (A family is defined as a parent or parents and their unemancipated children)
 - Or
 - b) Six persons or less (children of all ages included)
- 2) Checkout time is 3:00 pm. Campsites must be vacated by 3:00 pm on the last day of the permit period. No refund for the current night will be given after the 3:00 pm checkout time.
- 3) Campers who wish to renew a campsite must do so by the time the contact stations close the NIGHT BEFORE their registration expires.
- 4) No person may camp and no camping unit shall remain in a campground for more than 21 days in any 4- week period. After 21 days the person and/or camping unit must leave the campground for 7 days before they/it can return.
- 5) No more than one recreation trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home may occupy a campsite.
- 6) At no time may the noise on a campsite create a disturbance or interfere in any manner with the enjoyment of the forest by others.
- 7) Chainsaws may not be operated in the campground.
- 8) Generators may be operated, by permit only, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- 9) No person may destroy, molest, deface, remove or attempt to remove any natural growth with the exception of edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus.

- 10) No person may dispose of any debris, waste or recyclable material except by placing the material in receptacles provided for those purposes. Do not put plastic, glass, aluminum or any other non-burnable materials into the fire-rings.
- 11) No person may solicit business of any nature, or distribute handbills or other advertising matter, or post unauthorized signs in the state campgrounds, picnic areas, or buildings.
- 12) The use of metal detectors is prohibited except by written permit.
- 13) No person may POSSESS or DISCHARGE any fireworks.
- 14) All vehicles shall stop at property entrance stations when such a stop is ordered by department signs.
- 15) No person may leave any fire unattended.
- 16) No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any wild animal or bird, or discharge any firearm, or have in possession any firearm, bow, slingshot, spring load device designed for shooting a projectile, or air gun unless it is unloaded, unstrung, and enclosed in a carrying case within 100 yards of any state campground.

PETS:

Pets are welcome in the State Forest, when on a leash and under control. Before deciding whether to bring them, please read the following rules:

- 1) Pets must be on a leash no longer than eight feet at all times.
- 2) Pets are not allowed on beaches, at picnic areas, in buildings or on Nature Trails. (All of the Crystal Lake Shoreline is designated beach)
- 3) Pets must be attended and controlled at all times. (This means they can not be left unattended on a site)
- 4) Owners must clean up after their pet. (Scoop the poop)
- 5) Pets can not chase wildlife. (Remember that Trumpeter Swans are protected, and can be very dangerous when they feel threatened)



DIRECTIONS TO STATE FOREST CAMPGROUNDS

(all directions start at HWYS 51 and 47)

- BIG LAKE *** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M, go 9 miles to Boulder Junction. Turn left on HWY K west out of Boulder Junction and go for 10 miles, then turn right onto HWY P. The campground is 1.2 miles on the right.
- BUFFALO *-** Turn right (south) and travel 1.3 miles on HWY 47 to HWY J. Turn left and follow HWY J east (towards St. Germain) 6.0 miles to campground entrance on the left.
- CARROL **** - Turn right (south) and travel 1.3 miles on HWY 47 to HWY J. Turn left and follow HWY J east (towards St. Germain) 2.3 miles, Carrol is located on the left.
- CLEAR **** - Follow HWY 47 south 3.5 miles, turn left on Woodruff Road and Clear will be on the right.
- CRYSTAL ***** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M and drive 2.7 miles to HWY N. Turn right on HWY N and travel 2 miles, Crystal is on the left.
- CUNARD *** - Turn right (south) and drive 1.3 miles on HWY 47 to HWY J. Turn left and follow HWY J east (towards St. Germain) 6.0 miles to HWY E. Turn right on HWY E and go 1.8 miles to Frederick Road, turn right to the campground entrance.
- FIREFLY ***** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M and drive 2.7 miles to HWY N. Turn right on HWY N and travel 1.7 miles to Firefly, which is located on the right.
- INDIAN MOUNDS **** - Follow HWY 47 south 5.5 miles to Indian Mounds, located on the right.
- MUSKIE ***** - Follow directions for Crystal (you need to go through Crystal to get to Muskie).
- PLUM *** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M and drive 2.7 miles, then turn right on HWY N. Continue on HWY N 6.2 miles, Plum is on the left.
- RAZORBACK *** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M. Travel 2.7 miles and turn right onto HWY N. Continue on HWY N for 4.9 miles to Razorback Road (next to McKay's Corner Store). Turn left and continue for 4.0 miles to the campground on the right.
- SANDY BEACH *** - Follow HWY 47 north 22.3 miles through Lac Du Flambeau. Sandy Beach is on the right.
- EAST STAR *** - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M. Travel 2.7 miles to HWY N. Turn right on HWY N and travel 12.8 miles to East Star. (Be sure to stay on HWY N, which jogs to the right through Sayner and goes to the left after Sayner.)
- WEST STAR *** - Same as East Star only follow HWY N 13.6 miles to HWY K (you'll pass East Star). Turn left on HWY K and go 1.3 miles to Statehouse Road on the left. Follow the road to the campground.

STARRETT * - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right on HWY M. Continue 3.7 miles to North Muskellunge Road. Turn right on North Muskellunge Road, go 4 miles and the campground will be on the left.

SOUTH TROUT * - Travel HWY 51 north 6.2 miles to HWY M. Turn right. Stay on HWY M 3.9 miles to South Trout, which is located on the left.

NORTH TROUT * - Same as above, only follow HWY M 6.8 miles to North Trout on the left.

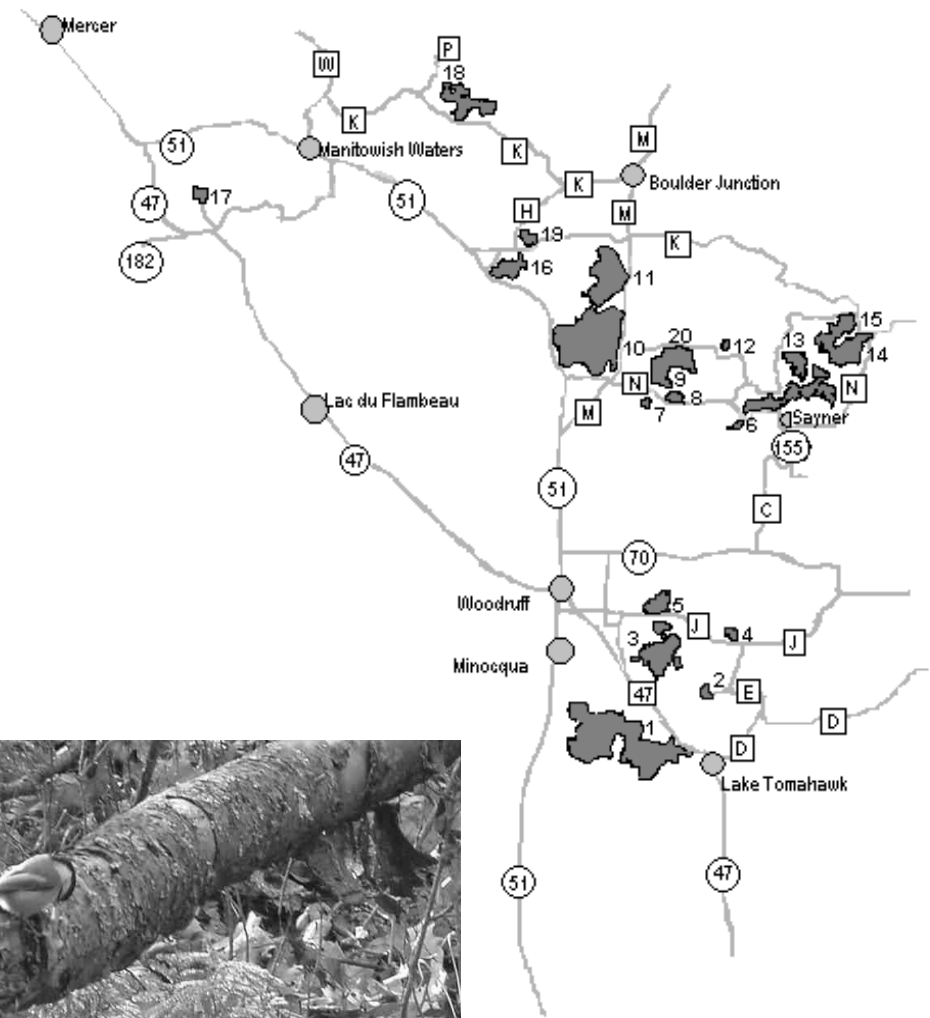
UPPER GRESHAM * - Travel HWY 51 north 13 miles turning right on HWY H. Continue for 1.4 miles to North Creek Road and turn right. Go .25 miles to the campground on the right.

* Set up on an open site (one with nothing on the site and no tag on the post) and a resident manager will come and register you.

** Register at the Clear Lake Contact Station.

*** Register at the Crystal Lake Contact Station.

DRIVE SAFELY&BUCKLE UP!



Campground Features

Map No.	Campground	Number of Non-Reservable Sites	Number of Reservable Sites	Boat Ramp	Swim Area	Hiking Trail	Boat Motor Limit	Showers and Toilets	Dump Station
1	Indian Mounds	5	33	X	X			p	
2	Cunard Lake	33		X	X		EO	p	
3	Clear Lake	13	88	X	X	X		p/f/s	X
4	Buffalo Lake	52		X	X			p	
5	Carrol Lake	19		X	X			p	
6	Plum Lake	18			X			p	
7	Firefly Lake	8	62	CI	X		NM	p/f/s	
8	Crystal Lake	13	88	CI	X	X	NM	p/f/s	X
9	Muskellunge Lake	9	72	X	X	X		p/f/s	
10	South Trout Lake	23		X				p	
11	North Trout Lake	48		X	X	X		p	X
12	Starrett Lake	46		X	X		EO	p	
13	Razorback Lake	55		X	X			p	
14	East Star Lake	30		X	X			p	
15	West Star Lake	18		X		X		p	
16	Upper Gresham	27		X				p	
17	Sandy Beach Lake	33		X	X			p	
18	Big Lake	72		X	X			p	
19	Jag Lake Group	1			X			p	
20	Muskellunge Group	1			X			p	

CI - Carry In Only
EO - Electric Motors Only
NM - No Motors

p - Pit Toilets
f - Flush Toilets
s - Showers



INDIAN MOUNDS CAMPGROUND 39 Campsites

Indian Mounds Campground is located in the southern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Lake Tomahawk, 3,392 acres. Lake Tomahawk is part of the Minocqua Chain of Lakes and offers excellent fishing and boating opportunities.

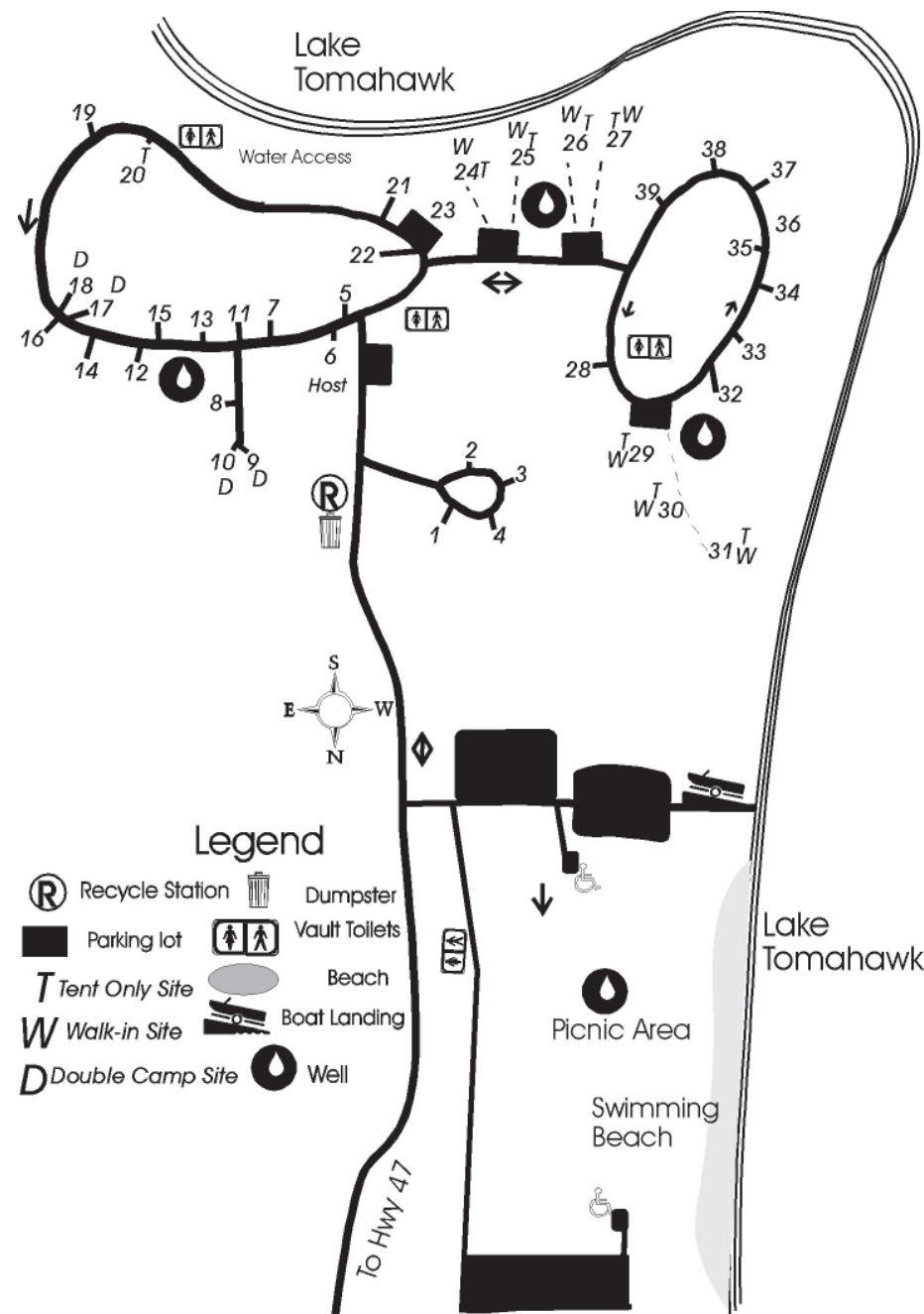
Sites 7-39 can be reserved by calling 1-888-947-2757, or by using the web site <http://www.wiparks.net>. Sites 1-5 are first come first serve.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with three sets of toilets designated accessible. An adjacent picnic area includes picnic tables, grills and a marked swimming area. There is also a marked swimming area within the campground itself. There are changing stalls at the beach/picnic area and recycling bins are also available.

To help aid campers a Campground Host is located at site number 6 from May to September.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers register at the nearby Clear Lake Campground Contact Station and should stop there before setting up camp. Firewood is also available at Clear Lake. After Labor Day a self-registration station is located at the campground entrance. These sites are open according to snow conditions.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 4.3 miles south on Hwy 47. The entrance will be on the right.



CUNDARD LAKE CAMPGROUND

33 Campsites

Cunard Lake Campground is a small, quiet facility located in the southern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southwest corner of Cunard Lake, 43 acres. Cunard Lake and the creek into Sweeney Lake are ideal for canoe exploration. Only electric motors at slow-no-wake speed are allowed on Cunard Lake.

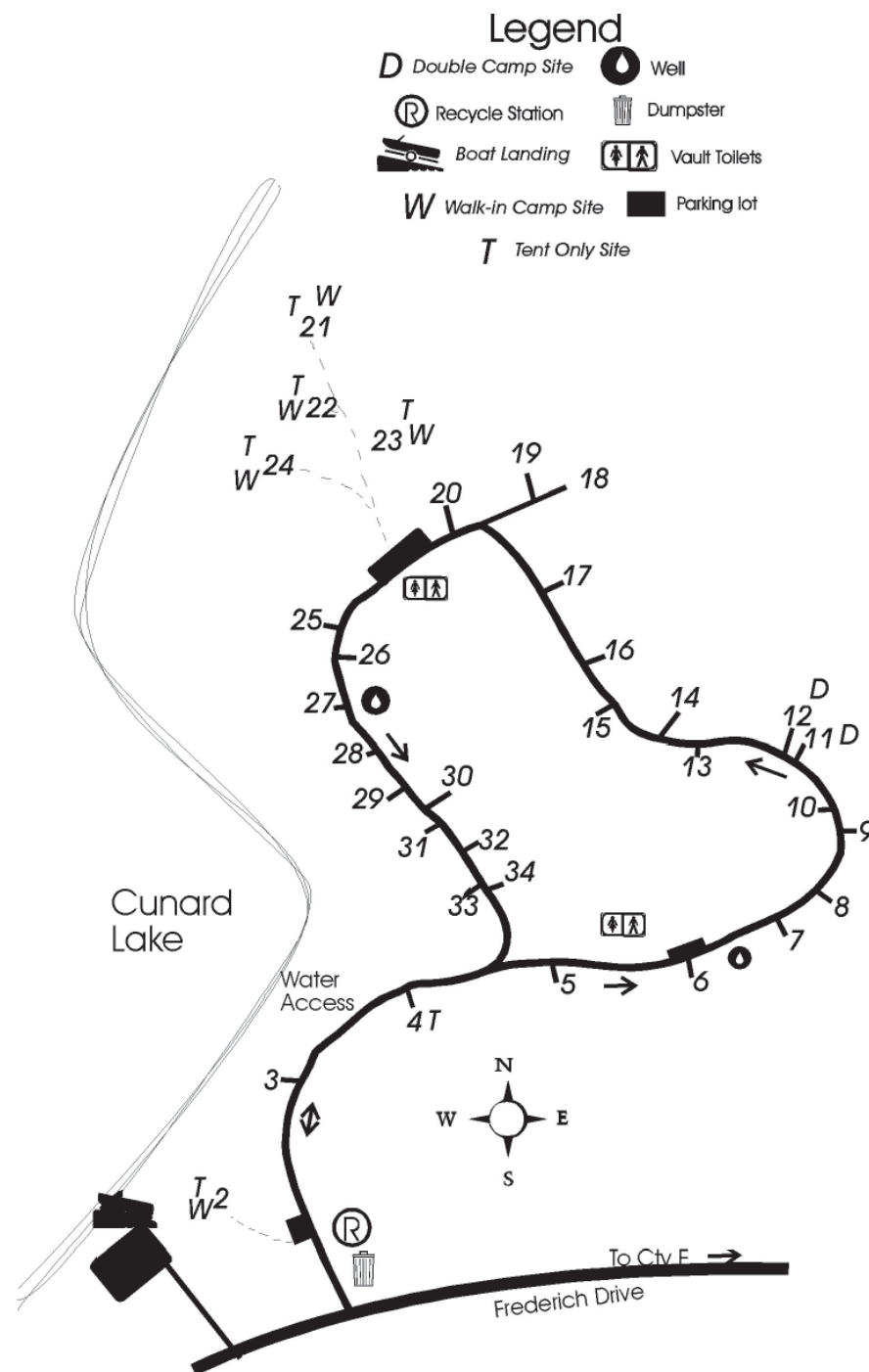
All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground. A sandy water front area is available which provides access to the lake.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Buffalo Lake Resident Manager.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day this campground is closed.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 1 mile south on Hwy 47. Turn left at Cty Hwy J. Follow Cty Hwy J 6 miles to Cty Hwy E. Turn right on Cty Hwy E and go 1.8 miles to Fredrick Road. Turn right, the campground entrance is on the right.



CLEAR LAKE CAMPGROUND

101 Campsites

Clear Lake Campground is located in the southern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southwest corner of Clear Lake, 846 acres. This lake has exceptionally clear water and provides excellent boating and good fishing.

Sites 701-749, 751-787 & 801 can be reserved by Calling 1-888-947-2757, or by using the web site <http://www.wiparks.net>

Sites 788-800 are first come first serve.

Site 801 is designated accessible.

Has a large sandy beach with a marked swimming area. There is also a separate water ski area.

A sanitary dump station, recycling bins and a shower building are also available.

To help aid campers, a Campground Host is located at site number 750 from May to September.

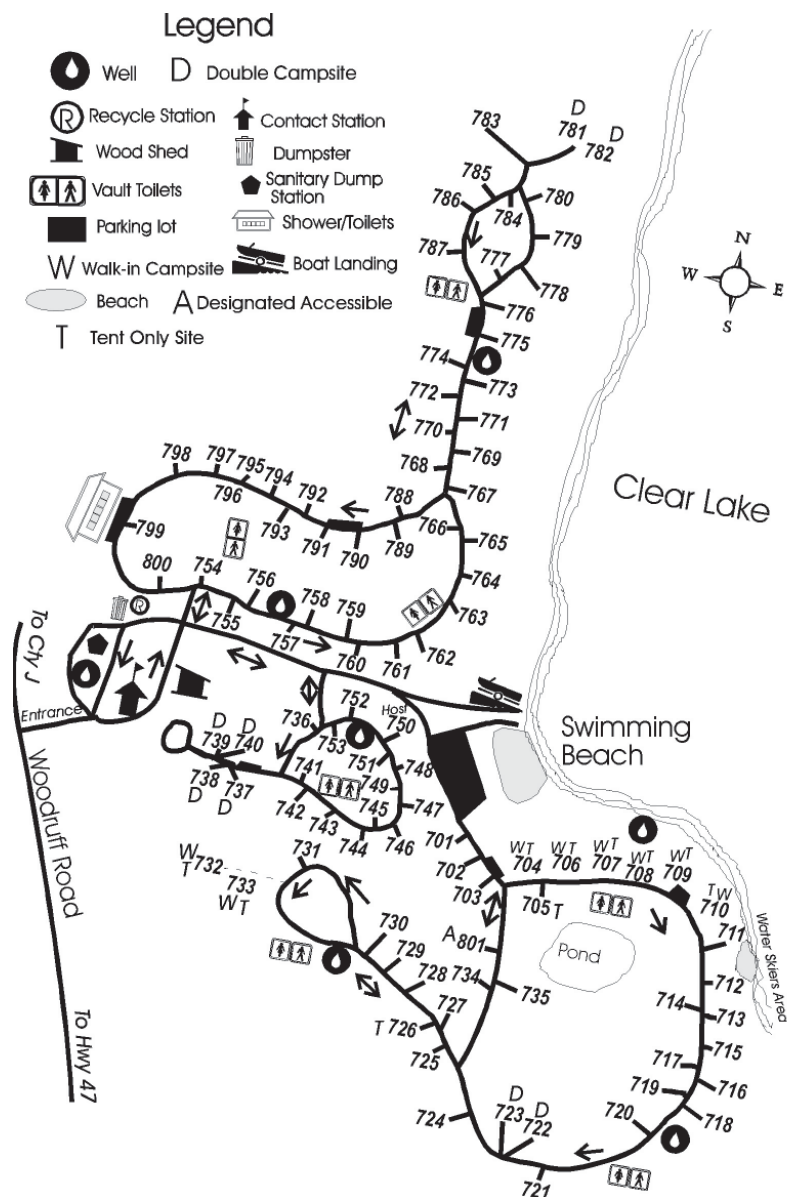


From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers register at the Clear Lake Campground Contact Station and should stop there before setting up camp. After Labor Day a self-registration station is available at the campground entrance.

Firewood can be purchased at the Contact Station. Winter camping is also available.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 3.5 miles south on Hwy 47. Turn left at Woodruff Road. The entrance will be on the right after you travel .25 miles.

From Lake Tomahawk, travel 3.5 miles north on Hwy 47, turn right on Woodruff Road. Travel .25 miles and the entrance will be on the right.



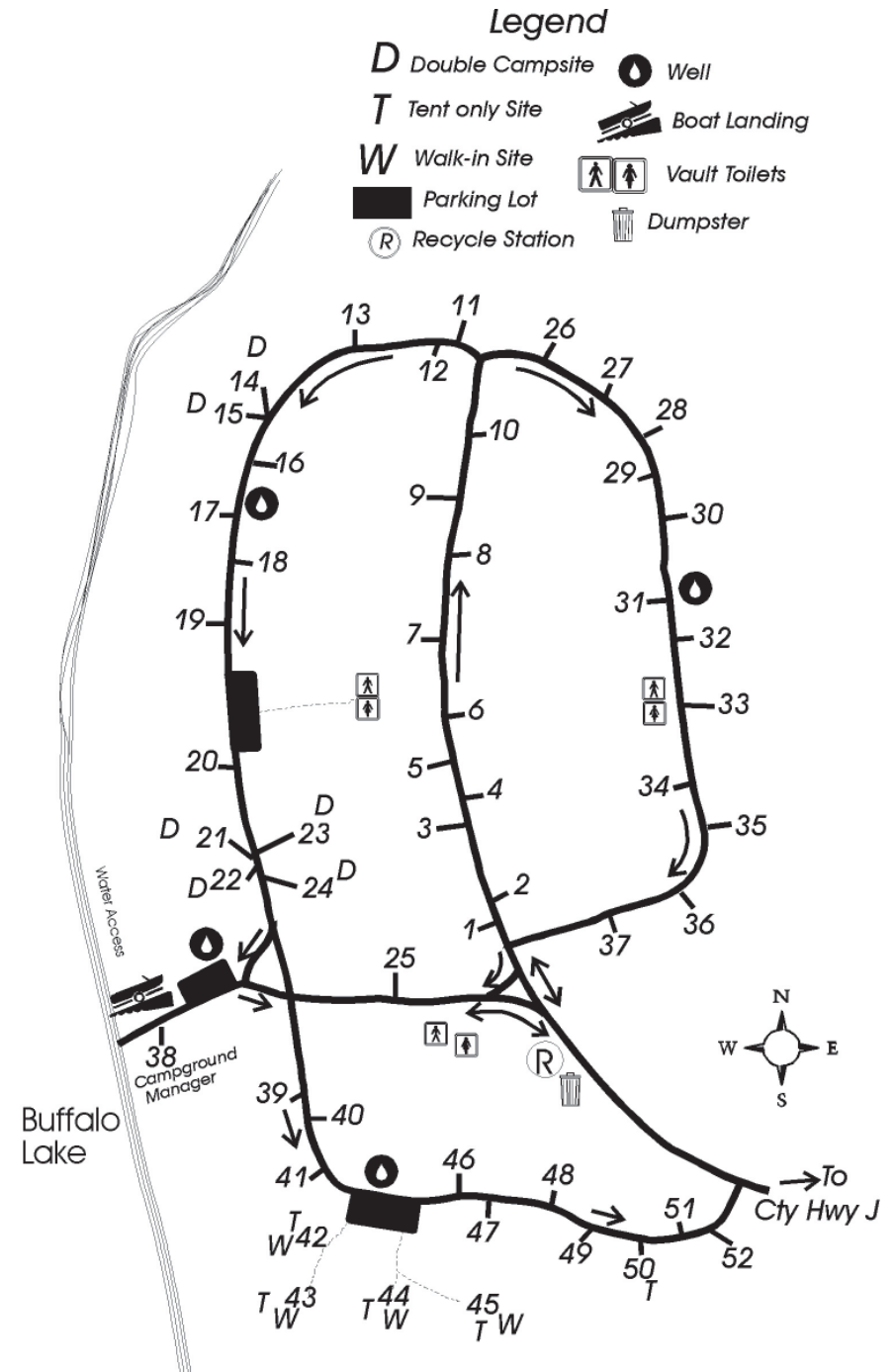
BUFFALO LAKE CAMPGROUND 52 Campsites

Buffalo Lake Campground is located in the southern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southeast corner of Buffalo Lake, 104 acres. Panfishing is good and the beach is excellent.

All campsites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers are registered on-site by a Resident Manager. After Labor Day sites 26-52 are closed. Sites 1-25 open and close with snow conditions. A self-registration station is available at this time.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 1 mile south on Hwy 47. Turn left at Cty Hwy J. Follow Cty Hwy J 6 miles to Buffalo Lake campground located on your left.



CARROL LAKE CAMPGROUND

19 Campsites

Carrol Lake Campground is located in the southern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the south central part of Carrol Lake, 352 acres. This is one of our older campgrounds and is well used because of the generally good fishing for both panfish and gamefish.

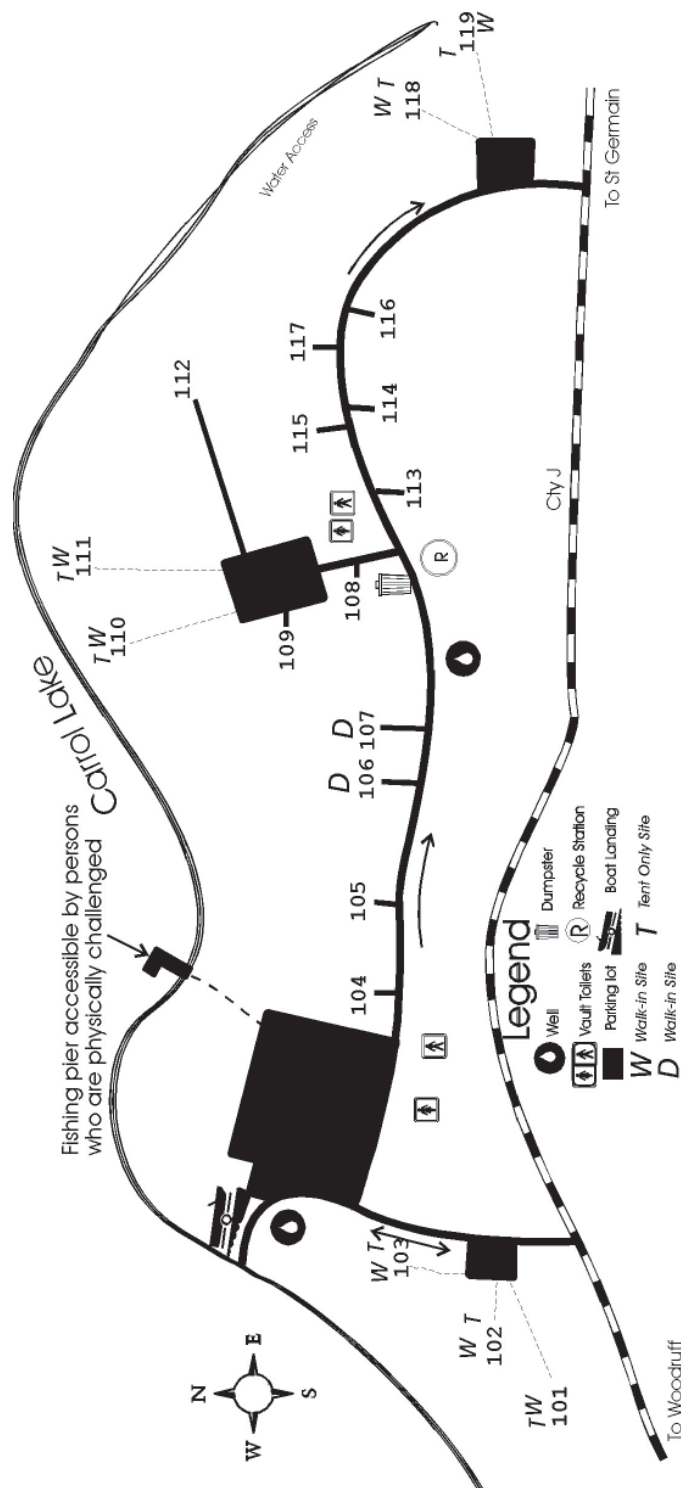
All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

A waterfront access area is located within the campground. A large sandy beach with a marked swimming area is provided at nearby Clear Lake Picnic Area, .25 miles south.

Also available are a designated accessible fishing pier, a boat launch and a picnic area.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers register at nearby Clear Lake Contact Station and should stop there before setting up camp. After Labor Day a self-registration station is available at the campground entrance. Firewood is also available at the Clear Lake Contact Station.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 1 mile south on Hwy 47. Turn left at Cty Hwy J. Follow Cty Hwy J 2.3 miles east to Carrol Lake Campground located on your left.



PLUM LAKE CAMPGROUND

18 Campsites

Plum Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southwest corner of Plum Lake, 1,108 acres. This small campground offers good boating, swimming and fishing opportunities. Sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

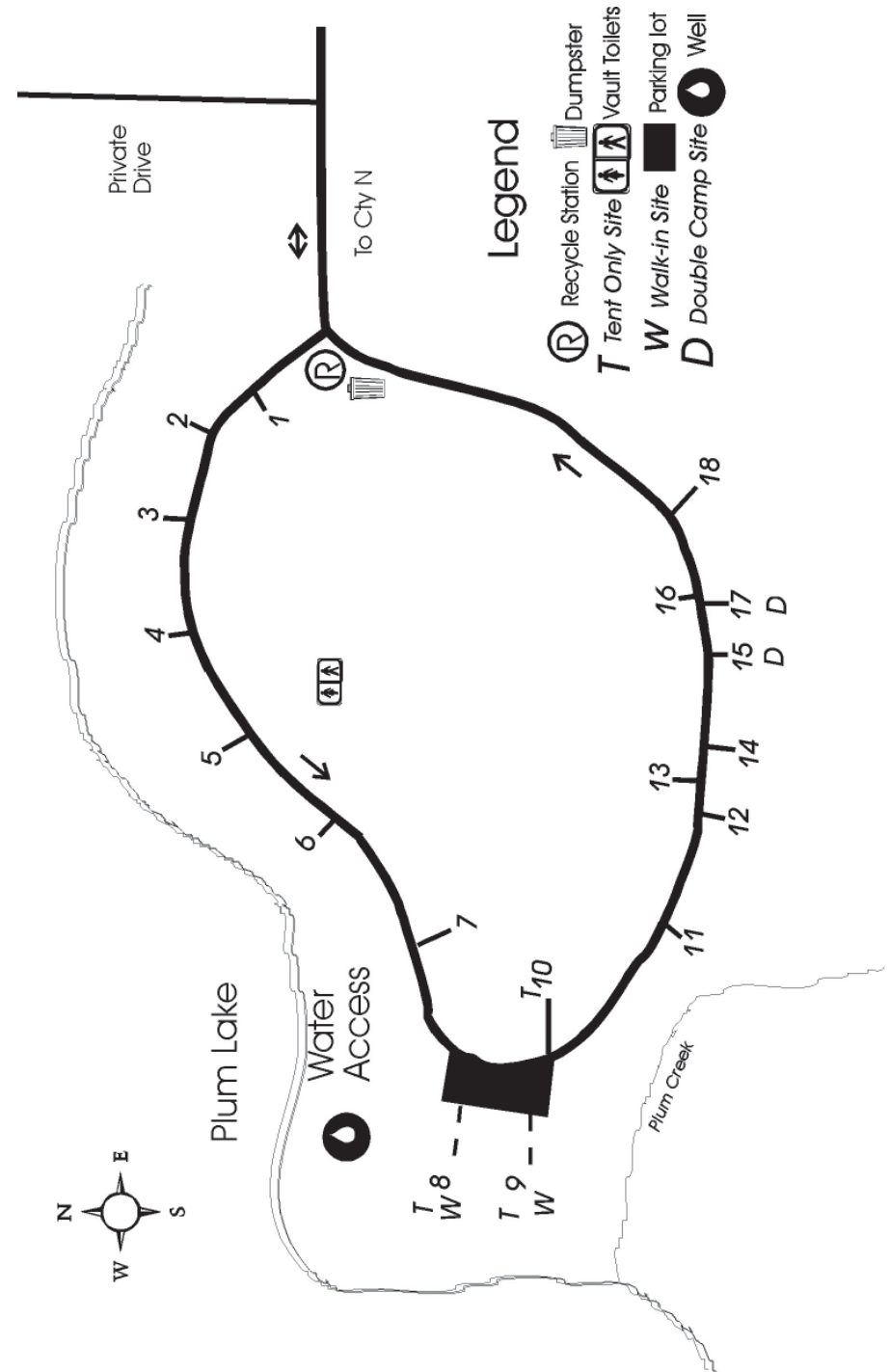
Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground.

A water front access area and fishing pier are located adjacent to the campground.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Razorback Campground Resident Manager. After Labor Day, campsites open and close with snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the campground entrance, is available during this time.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right traveling 2.7 miles on Cty Hwy M to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and go 6.2 miles, Plum Lake Campground entrance will be on the left.



FIREFLY LAKE CAMPGROUND 70 Campsites

Firefly Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the north side of the 27 acre Firefly Lake. Fishing opportunities are limited to trout. Swimming is excellent because of the clear water and fine sand beach. This campground is approximately mile from Crystal Lake Campground, Crystal Lake Picnic Area, and Fallison Lake Nature Trail.

Sites 201-247 & 256-270 can be reserved by calling 1-888-947-2757, or by using the web site <http://www.wiparks.net>. Sites 248-255 are first come first serve.

Site 222 is designated accessible.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground. There is also a shower building in this campground.

A water access area is located within the campground. No motors of any kind are allowed on Firefly Lake.

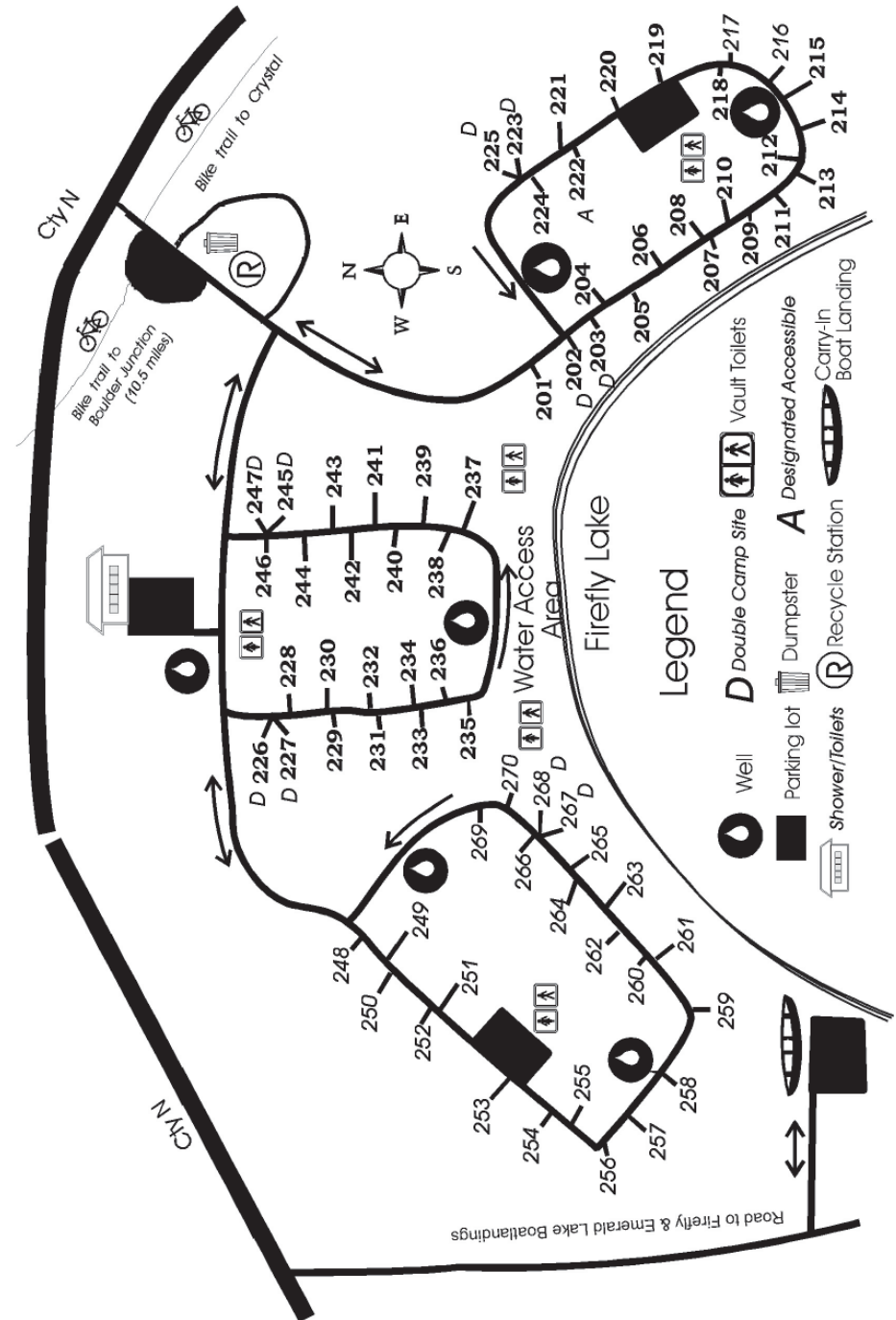
Firefly has recycling bins and a hard surfaced bike trail to nearby Crystal Lake Picnic Area and the town of Boulder Junction.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers register at the Crystal Lake Campground Contact Station and should stop there before setting up camp. After Labor Day a self-registration station is available at the campground entrance. Firewood can be purchased at Crystal Lake.

After Labor Day campsites open and close with snow conditions.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel north 6.2 miles to Cty Hwy M. Travel 2.7 miles on Cty Hwy M to Cty Hwy N and turn right. Travel 1.7 miles on Cty Hwy N, the campground entrance is located on the right.



SOUTH TROUT LAKE CAMPGROUND 23 Campsites

South Trout Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southeast corner of Trout Lake, 3,816 acres. This larger, very deep lake offers excellent boating and fishing opportunities. Swimming is limited because of the stony beach.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

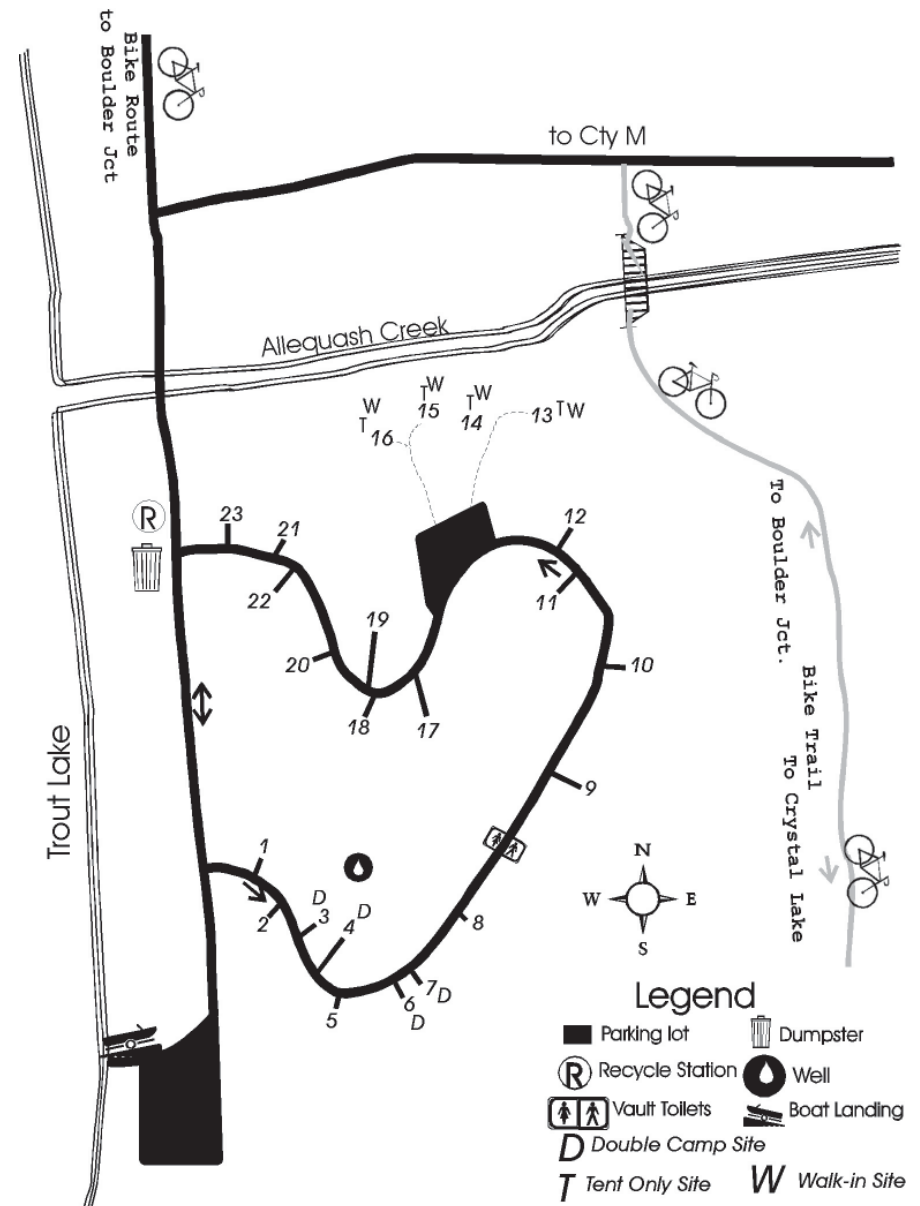
Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the North Trout Lake Resident Manager. Firewood and a sanitary dump station are also available at the North Trout Lake Campground.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day this campground is closed.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and travel 3.9 miles, the campground entrance is on the left.



NORTH TROUT LAKE CAMPGROUND 48 Campsites

North Trout Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Trout Lake, 3,816 acres. Swimming beach is good and the fishing and boating are excellent.

Sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with three sets of toilets designated accessible.

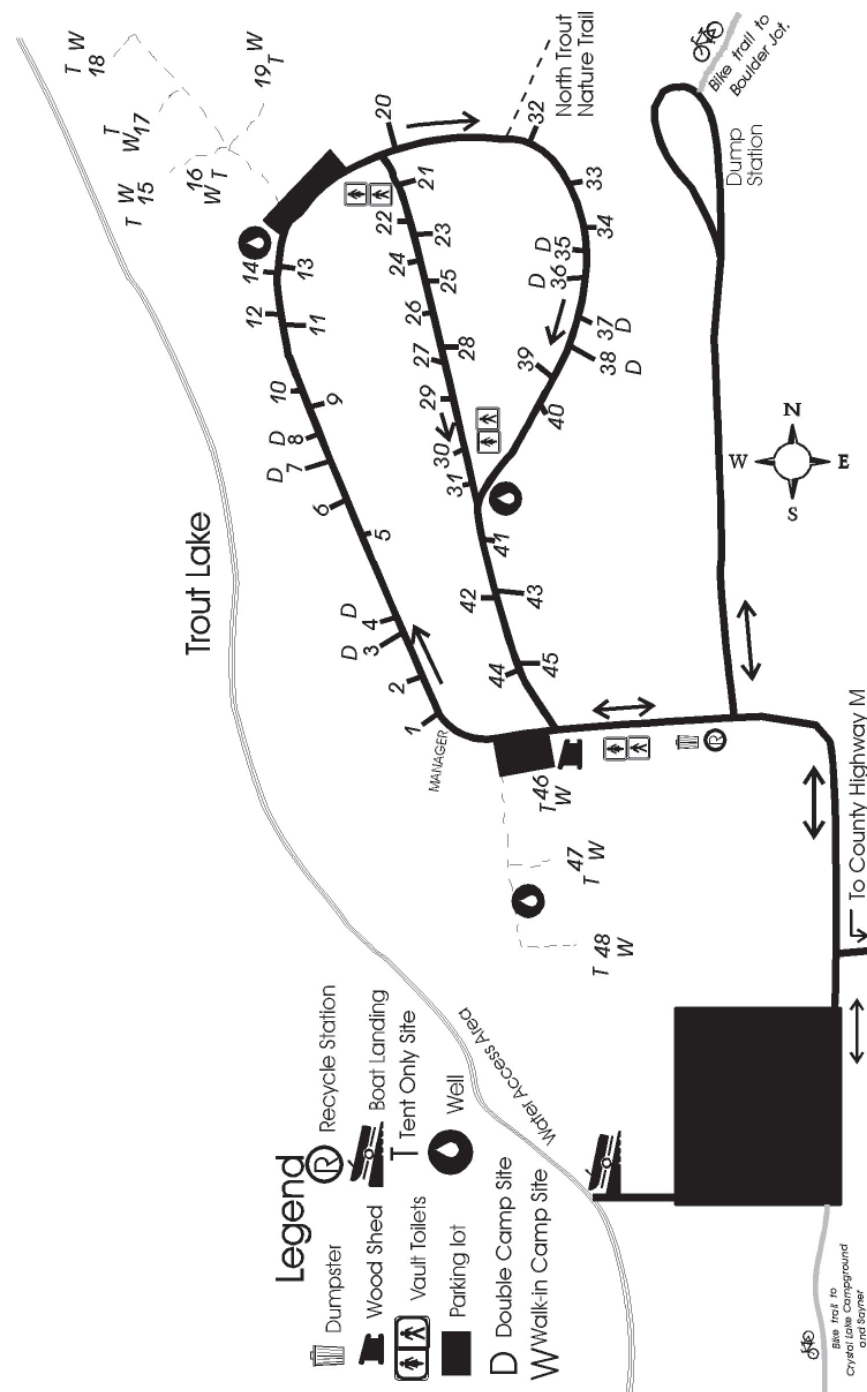
A large waterfront area is available adjacent to the campground.

Also available are a sanitary dump station, recycling bins, firewood and an adjacent nature trail. There is also a hard surfaced bike trail that runs from North Trout Campground to nearby Boulder Junction.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Resident Manager. After Labor Day, the campground opens and closes with snow conditions. A self-registration station is available at this time.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and travel 6.8 miles, the campground entrance is on the left.



CRYSTAL LAKE CAMPGROUND

101 Campsites

Crystal Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is the most popular facility on the forest.

Sites 401-449 and 463-503 can be reserved by calling 1-888-947-2757 or by using the web site <http://www.wiparks.net>. Sites 450-462 are first come first serve.

Sites 463 and 503 are designated accessible.

A large sandy beach with a marked swimming area is located adjacent to the campground. The entire sandy Crystal Lake shoreline is designated beach, therefore, no pets are allowed on the shoreline. No motorized boats are allowed on Crystal Lake.

Also available are a sanitary dump station, a shower building, an enclosed shelter facility (which may be reserved), vault toilets, changing stalls, an adjacent nature trail and hard-surfaced pathways for mobility impaired individuals located in both the campground and the picnic area.



Firewood is sold at the Contact Station.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel north 6.2 miles to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M, travel 2.7 miles to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and go 2 miles. The entrance to these campgrounds is on the left.

To help aid campers a Campground Host is located next to site number 449 from May to September.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers are registered out of the Crystal Lake Contact Station. After Labor Day, sites 464-503 are closed. Sites 401-463 are opened and closed with snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the Contact Station, is available at that time.

MUSKIE LAKE CAMPGROUND

81 Campsites

Muskie Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Big Muskellunge Lake, 930 acres.

Sites 301-373 may be reserved by calling 1-888-947-2757 or by using the web site <http://www.wiparks.net>. Sites 374-382 are first come first serve.

Site 318 is designated accessible.

A large sandy beach is located adjacent to the Crystal Lake Campground.

Vault toilets are located throughout the campground, three sets of which are designated accessible. There is also a shower building in this campground.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers are registered out of the Crystal Lake Contact Station. After Labor day Sites 339-382 are closed. Sites 301-338 are open and closed with snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the contact station, is available at this time.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel north 6.2 miles to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M, travel 2.7 miles to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and go 2 miles. The entrance to these campgrounds is on the left.



Check out our new Nature Center located near the Crystal Lake Beach! Hours are posted at the Nature Center.

STARRETT LAKE CAMPGROUND

46 Campsites

Starrett Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southeast corner of Starrett Lake, 66 acres. Only electric motors at slow-no-wake speed are allowed on Starrett Lake. Swimming is good. Fishing is fair for bass and panfish, northern pike and walleye are taken occasionally.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground.

Two large water front areas, which provide lake-access, are located within the campground.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the razorback Lake Resident Manager.

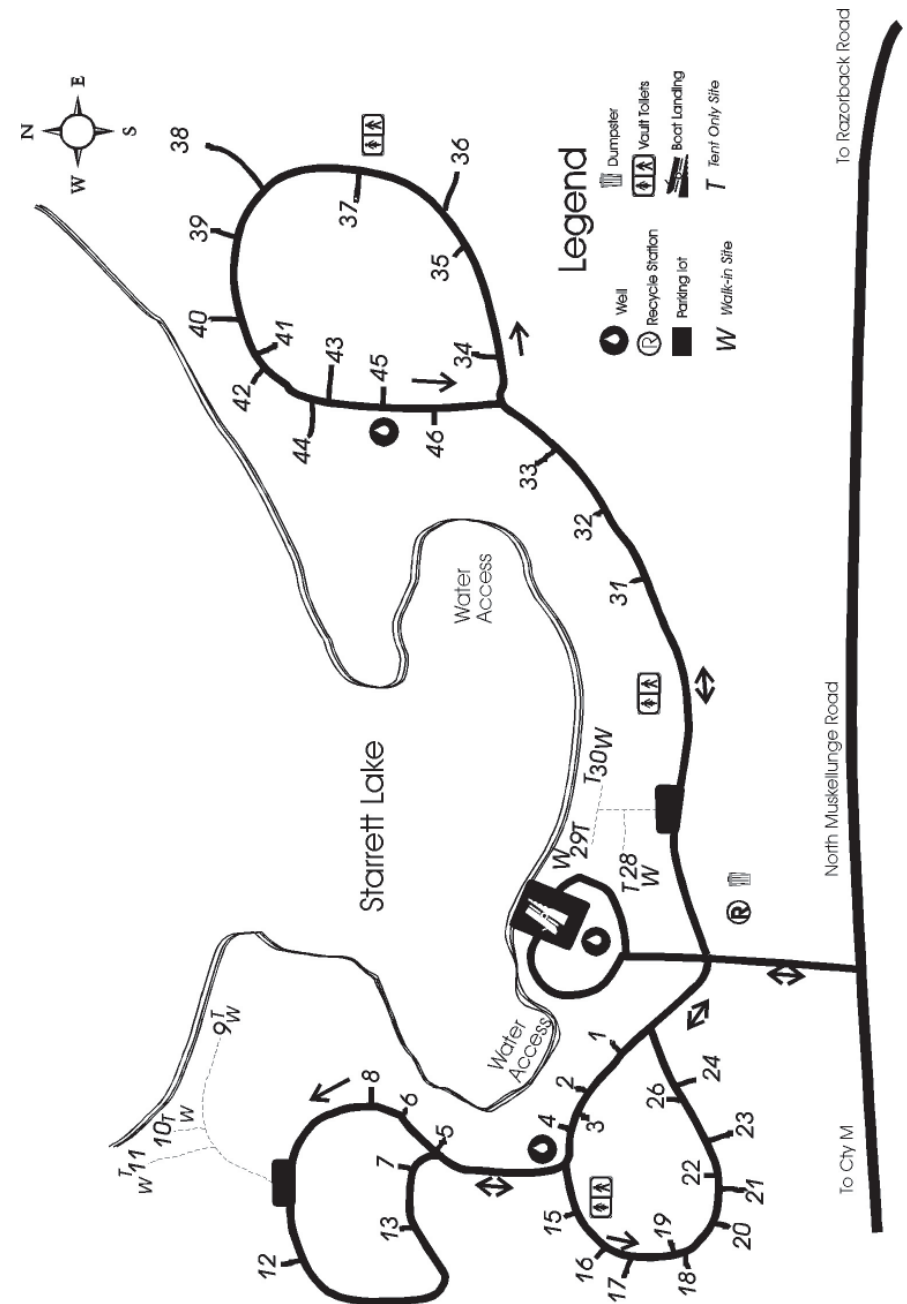
From Labor Day to Memorial Day this campground is closed.



Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and travel 2.7 miles to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and travel 4.9 miles to Razorback Road (next to McKay's Corner Store). Turn left on Razorback Road and travel 1 mile to North Muskellunge Road.

Turn left traveling 1.8 miles, the campground entrance is on your left.



RAZORBACK LAKE CAMPGROUND

55 Campsites

Razorback Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southwest corner of Razorback Lake, 362 acres. This popular campground is great for swimming, boating and fishing.



All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with three sets of toilets being handicap accessible.

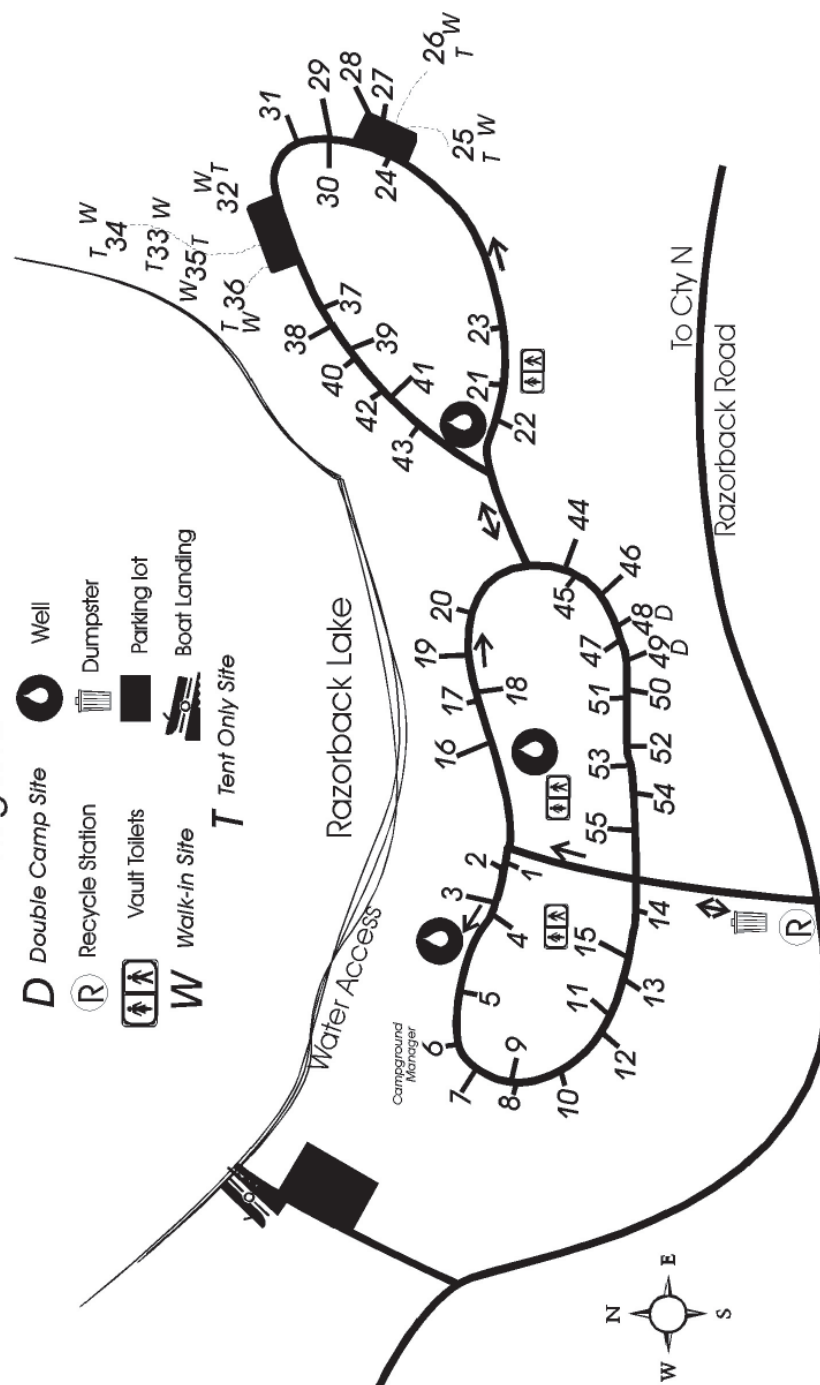
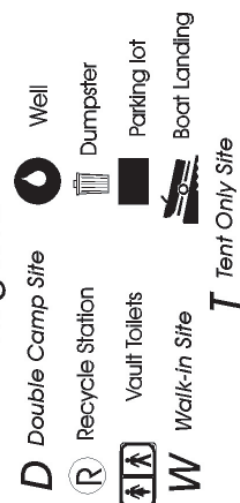
A water front area is located within the campground, which provides access to the lake.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Razorback Campground Resident Manager. After Labor Day, campsites open and close with snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the campground entrance, is available during this time.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right traveling 2.7 miles on Cty Hwy M to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N, travel 4.9 miles to Razorback Road (next to McKay's Corner Store). Turn left onto Razorback Road, travel 4 miles to the campground entrance located on your right.

Legend



EAST STAR LAKE CAMPGROUND 30 Campsites

East Star Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southeast corner of Star Lake, 1,206 acres. Star Lake is well known for excellent fishing.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with two sets of toilets designated accessible.



A large water front access area is available within the campground. The lake provides excellent swimming opportunities.

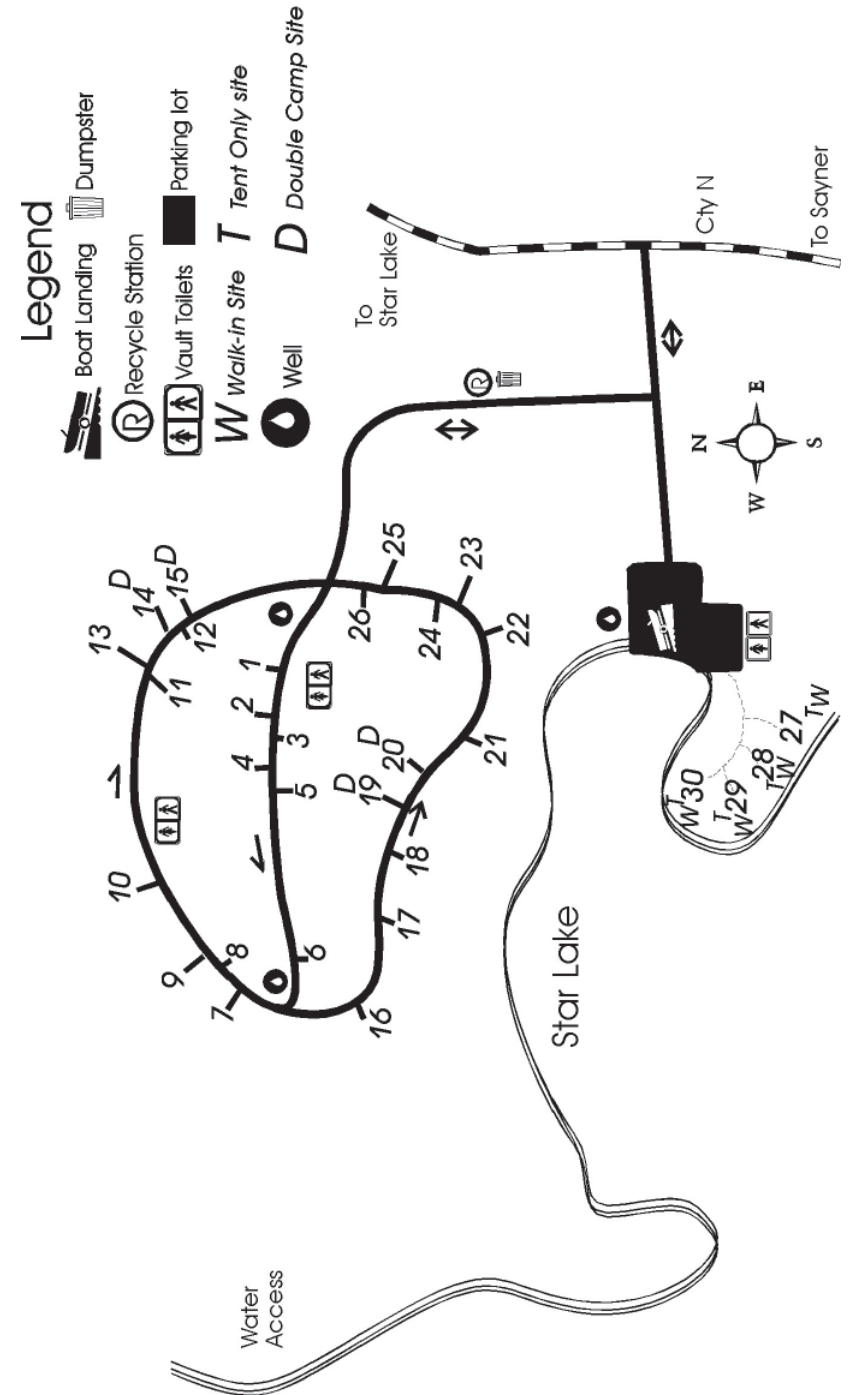
Also available are recycling bins and a nature trail (located off Cty Hwy K near West Star Lake Campground).

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the West Star Lake Resident Manager.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day this campground is closed.

Directions:

From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and travel 2.7 miles to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and follow Cty Hwy N through Sayner, approximately 12.8 miles. East Star Lake Campground is on the left.



WEST STAR LAKE CAMPGROUND 18 Campsites

West Star Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Star Lake, 1,206 acres.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with one set of toilets designated accessible.

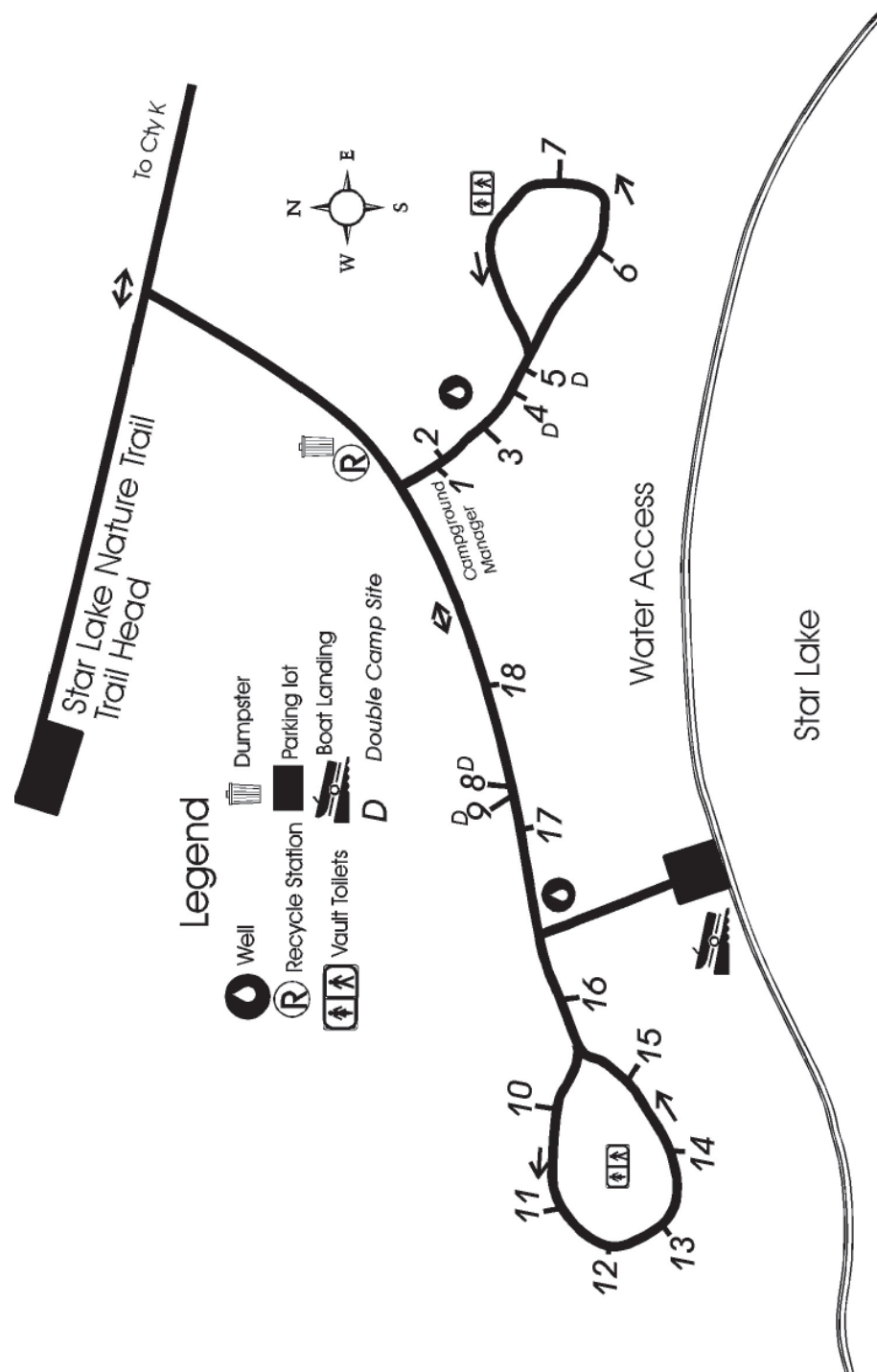
A large water front access area is available within the campground. The lake provides excellent swimming opportunities. Star Lake is well known for the quality of its fishing and boating.

Recycling bins and an adjacent nature trail are also available.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Resident Manager.

After Labor Day the campground opens and closes by snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the campground entrance, is available at this time.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and go 2.7 miles to Cty Hwy N. Turn right on Cty Hwy N and follow Cty Hwy N through Sayner, approximately 13.5 miles to Cty Hwy K. Turn left and travel 1.3 miles on Cty Hwy K to Statehouse Road. Turn left on Statehouse Road, the campground entrance will be on the left.



UPPER GRESHAM LAKE CAMPGROUND 27 Campsites

Upper Gresham Lake Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Upper Gresham Lake, 366 acres. Fishing and boating are good, but swimming could be rated as fair. A designated accessible pier is located at the boat landing.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

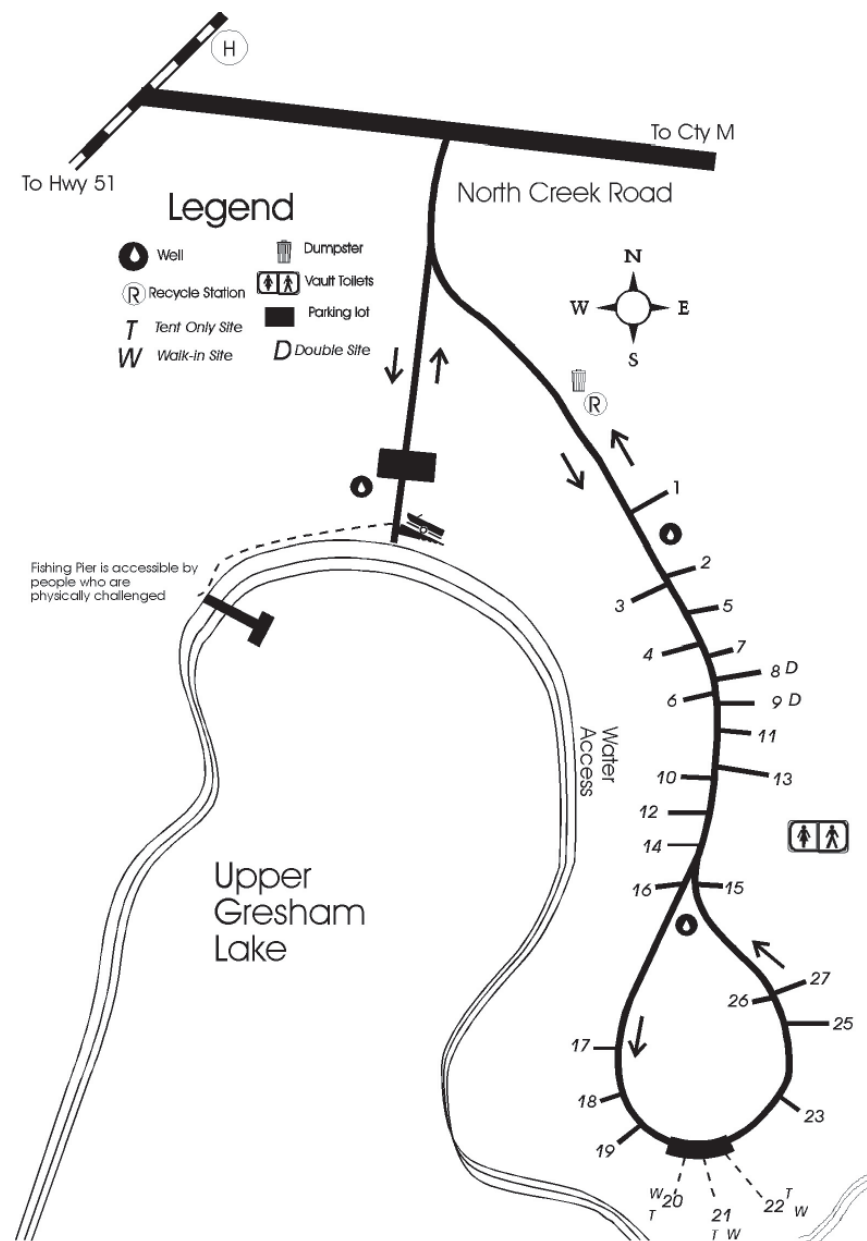
Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground with one set of toilets designated accessible.

A water front area is located within the campground, which provides access to the lake.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers are registered on-site by the Trout Lake Resident Manager. Firewood is also available at North Trout Lake Campground on Cty Hwy M.

After Labor Day the campground opens and closes with snow conditions. A self-registration station is located at the campground entrance during this time.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 13 miles north to Cty Hwy H. Turn right on Cty Hwy H and travel 1.4 miles to North Creek Road. Turn right on North Creek Road, travel .25 miles and the campground entrance will be on your right.



SANDY BEACH LAKE CAMPGROUND

33 Campsites



Sandy Beach Lake Campground is located in the northwest portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the south-east corner of Sandy Beach Lake, 111 acres.

All sites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

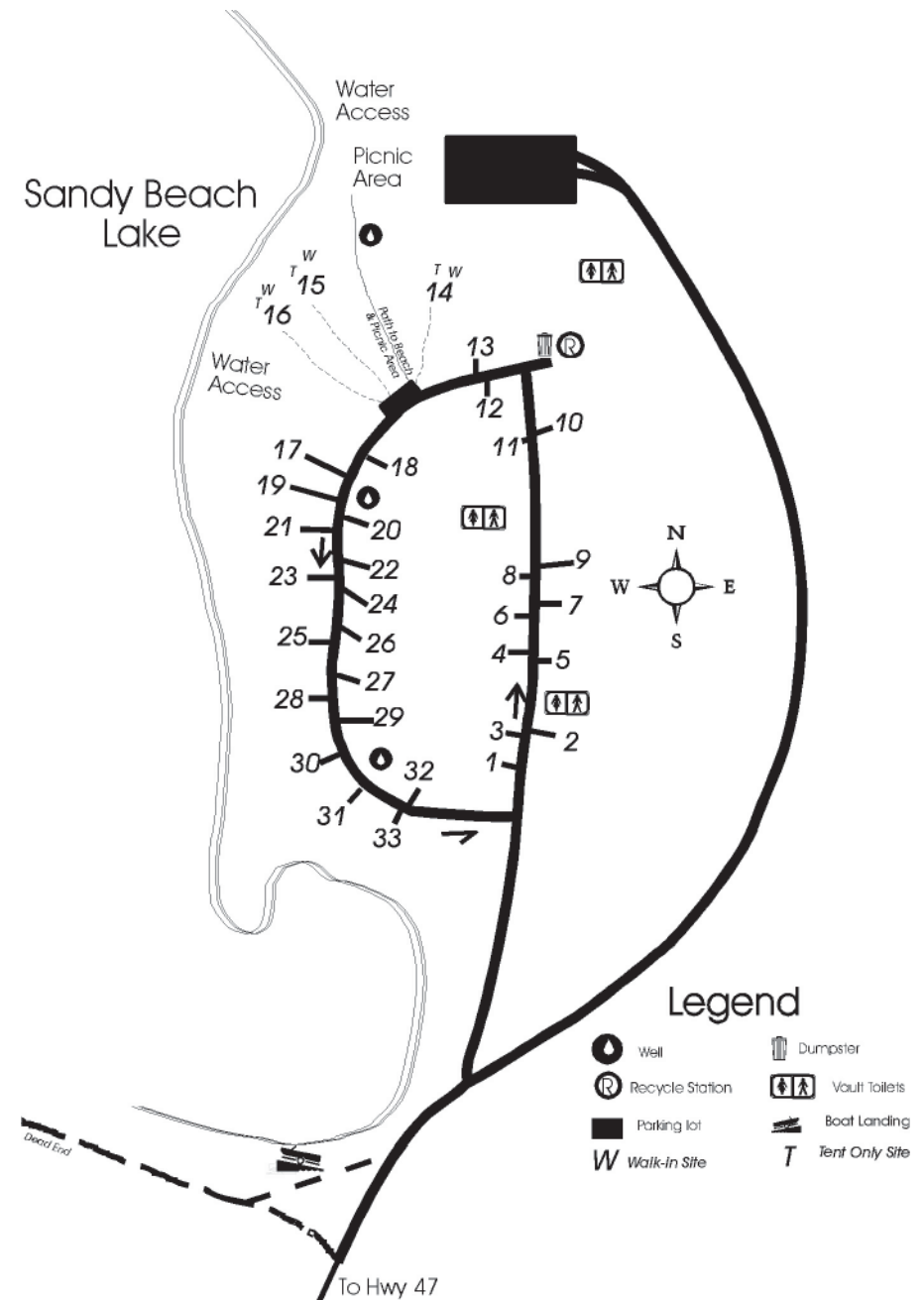
Vault toilets and hand pumps are located throughout the campground.

A large water front access area is located in the picnic area adjacent to the campground. As the name implies, this lake provides excellent swimming opportunities.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day campers are registered on site by a resident Campground Manager.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day this campground is closed.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 23.6 miles north on Hwy 47, passing through Lac du Flambeau. Turn right on Powell Marsh Road, then left on Sandy Beach Road to the campground entrance on your left.



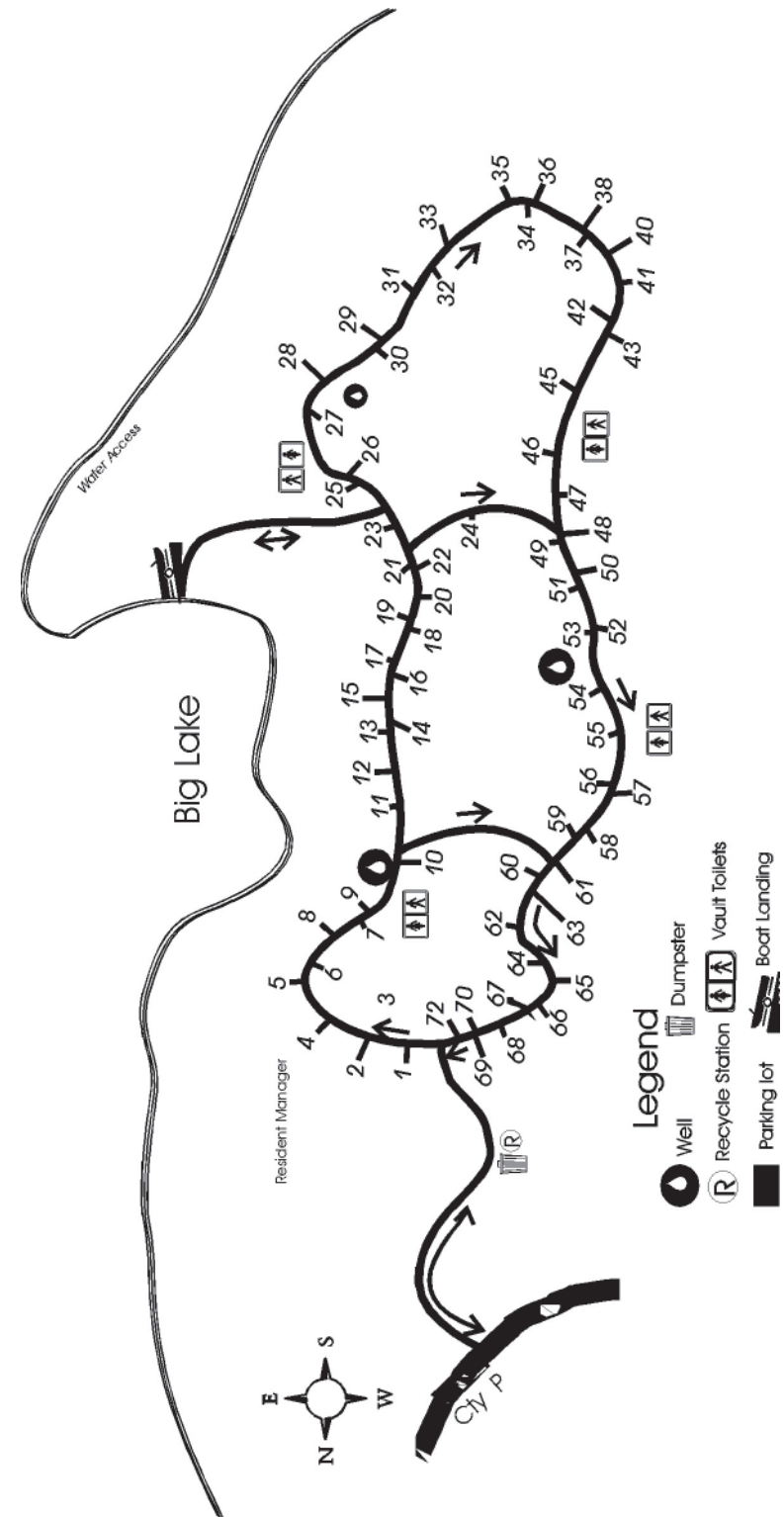
BIG LAKE CAMPGROUND 72 Campsites

Big Lake Campground is located in the northern portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northwest corner of Big Lake, 835 acres. Big Lake is an excellent fishing lake for walleyes, muskies and smallmouth bass.

All campsites in this campground are available on a first come first serve basis.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers are registered on-site by the Big Lake Resident Manager. After Labor Day campsites open and close by snow conditions. A self-registration station, located at the campground entrance, is available during this time.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 20.8 miles north to Cty Hwy W. Turn right onto Cty Hwy W and travel 2.3 miles to Cty Hwy K. Turn right on Cty Hwy K and travel 4.3 miles to Cty Hwy P. Turn left on Cty Hwy P and travel 1.2 miles. The campground will be on your right.



JAG LAKE GROUP CAMPGROUND

Jag Lake Group Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the southeast corner of Jag Lake, 158 acres.

You can reserve this campground by calling 1-888-947-2757.

This group campground was intended to be for tents only. The campground can handle up to sixty campers comfortably. Included in the campground is a parking area, a fire ring, recycle bins and picnic tables.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located within the campground.

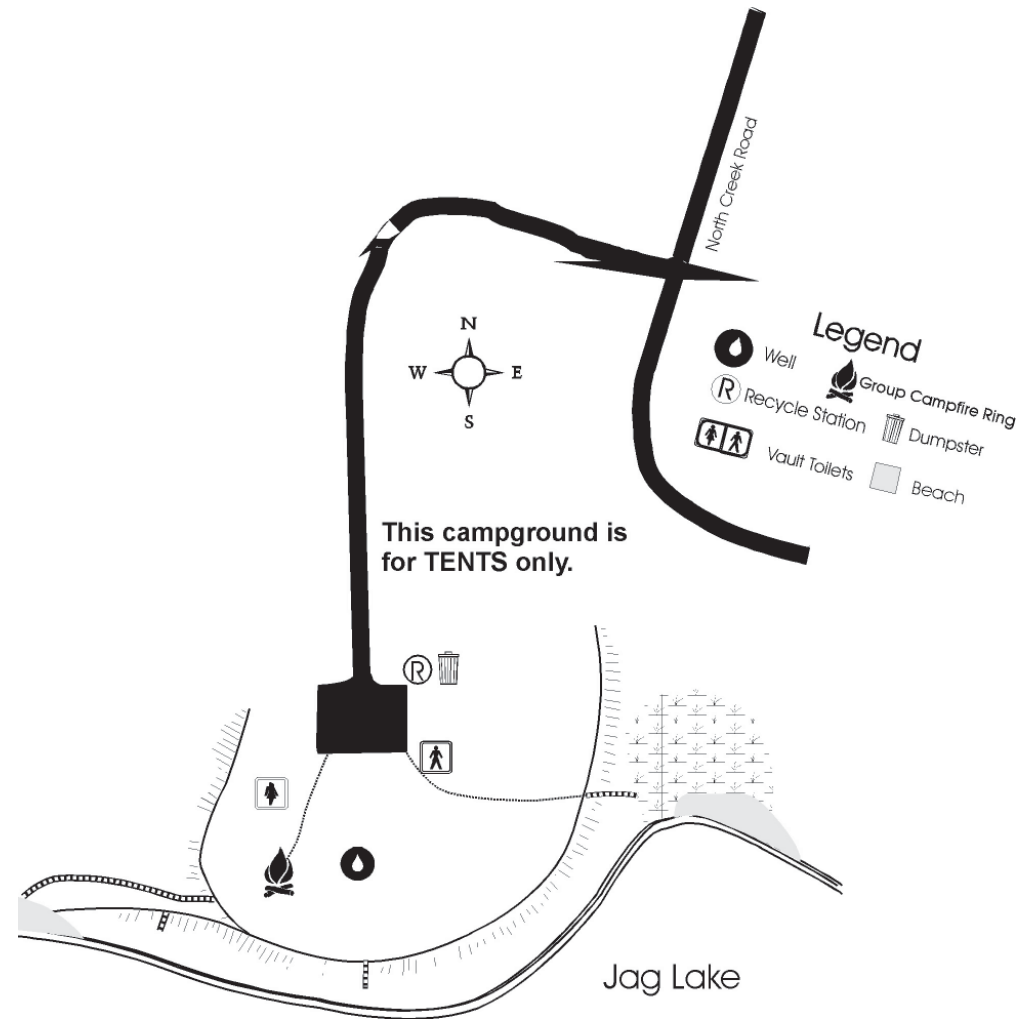
A large sandy beach with a marked swimming area is available. An improved boat landing is located across the lake on Cty Hwy H.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers with confirmed reservations are registered on-site by the North Trout Lake Resident Manager.

This facility is only available through the reservation system.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day, this campground is closed.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 13 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy H. Turn right on Cty Hwy H and travel 1.4 miles to North Creek Road. Follow North Creek Road 1 mile to the campground entrance on your left.



NORTH MUSKELLUNGE GROUP CAMPGROUND

North Muskellunge Lake Group Campground is located in the central portion of the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. It is on the northeast corner of Big Muskellunge Lake, 930 acres. The lake offers excellent fishing and swimming opportunities.

You can reserve this campground by calling 1-888-947-2757.

This group campground can accommodate both tents and recreation vehicles. It can handle up to sixty campers comfortably. Included in the campground is a parking area, fire rings, recycle bins and picnic tables.

Vault toilets and hand pumps are located within the campground.

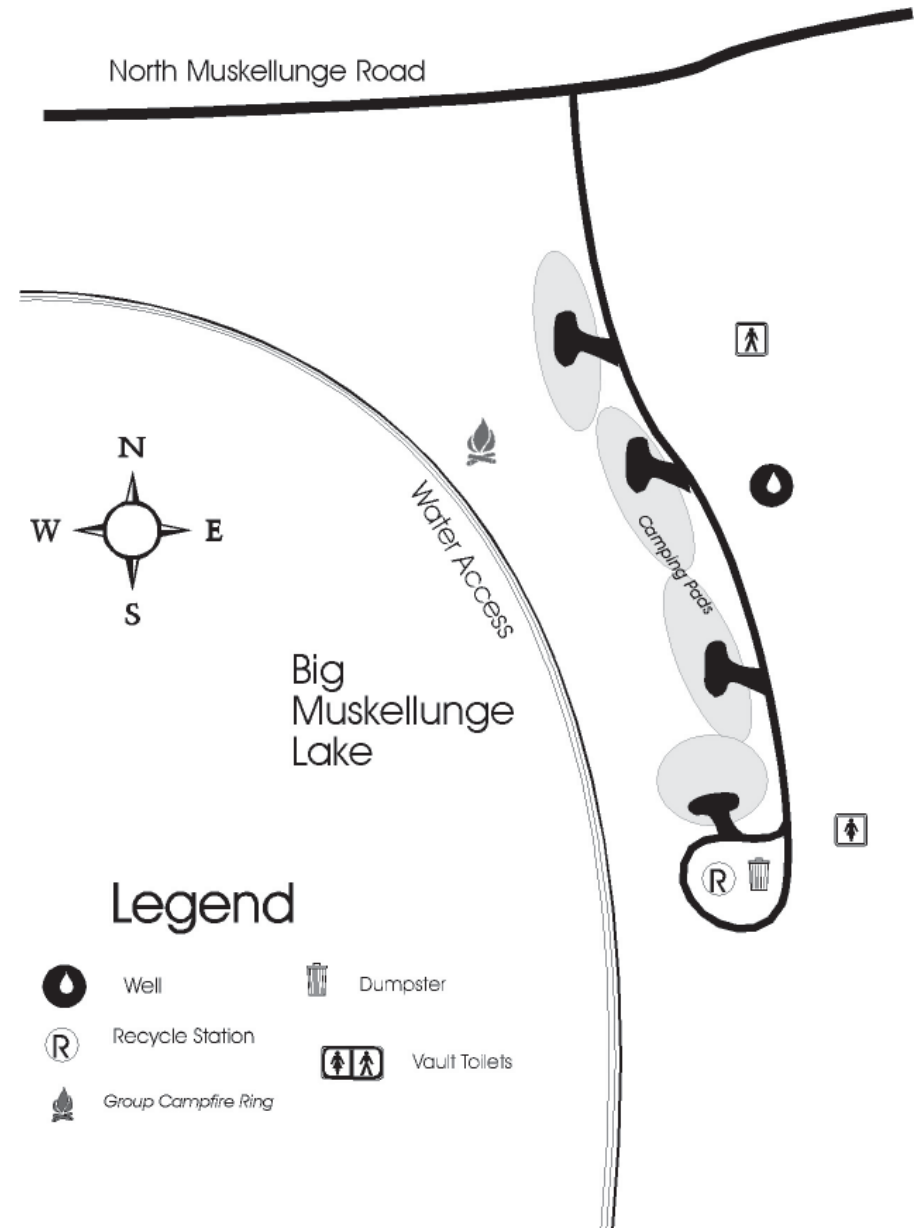
A large sandy beach with a marked swimming area is available.

An improved boat landing is located across the lake on Cty Hwy N.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, campers with confirmed reservations are registered on-site by the Razorback Lake Resident Manager. This facility is only available through the reservation system.

From Labor Day to Memorial Day, this campground is closed.

Directions: From Hwy 51 and Hwy 47 intersection in Woodruff, travel 6.2 miles north on Hwy 51 to Cty Hwy M. Turn right on Cty Hwy M and travel 3.7 miles to Muskellunge Road. Turn right and follow North Muskellunge Road 2.5 miles to the Campground entrance, located on your right.



Wilderness Campsites

The regular nightly camping fee is charged for Wilderness sites. They may be reserved from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend for up to 14 consecutive nights. To make a reservation call 1-888-947-2757, or use the web site at <http://www.wiparks.net> No more than one camping party (meaning an individual, a family, or a group of individuals not exceeding 6 persons) is permitted at each designated campsite.

If you have a reservation you must register when you arrive at one of the contact stations. For the Clear Lake Wilderness Sites go to the Clear Lake Contact Station on Woodruff Rd, and for Allequash, Day, and Nebish Lakes go to the Crystal Lake Contact Station on Hwy N.

Before Memorial Day weekend and after Labor Day, these sites are available on a first come first serve basis. No reservations are accepted. During this time you must self-register at the Clear Lake Campground for the Clear Lake sites, and at the North Trout Campground on Cty Hwy N for Allequash, Day and Nebish sites.

For more information contact the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 Cty Hwy M, Boulder Junction, WI 54512, (715) 385-2704 or (715) 385-2727. Monday - Friday 7:45 am to 4:30 pm

ALLEQUASH LAKE WILDERNESS CAMPSITES

Allequash Lake is found between Minocqua and Boulder Junction, east of Hwy M in Vials County. This 426 acre lake is great for fishing.

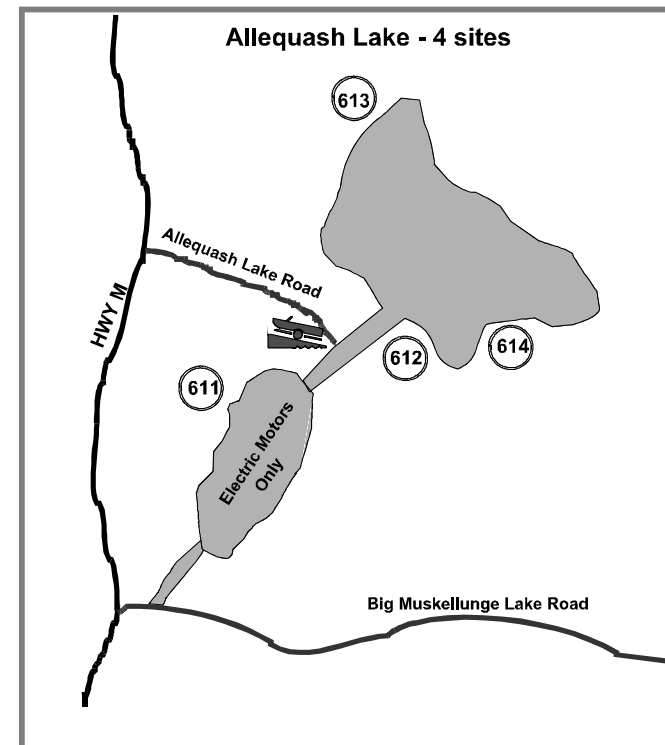
These sites are large enough for two tents each, and are far apart from each other. Each site has a picnic table, stone fire ring, and a Minnesota Johni located nearby. Sites 612, 613 & 614 are on the basin of the lake in which motors are allowed. Site 611 is located on the Electric Motors Only basin. Allequash shoreline is 100 % state owned and has no development except for the boat landing.

Site 611 is located southwest of the landing and is the only site on the Electric Motors Only basin of the lake. The shore area is muck bottom with abundant reeds and water lilies. This is a quiet place to observe wildlife.

Site 612 is found northeast of the boat landing on a point overlooking the lake. There is a moderate slope leading from the sand and rock shore to the campsite.

Site 613 is in a primarily maple forest north of the boat landing. The shoreline is sand and rock and slopes gradually up to the site. Camping here would be convenient due to its proximity to the water.

Site 614 is northeast of the landing in a balsam and birch forest. The site is also close to the water, several feet above the rocky shore.



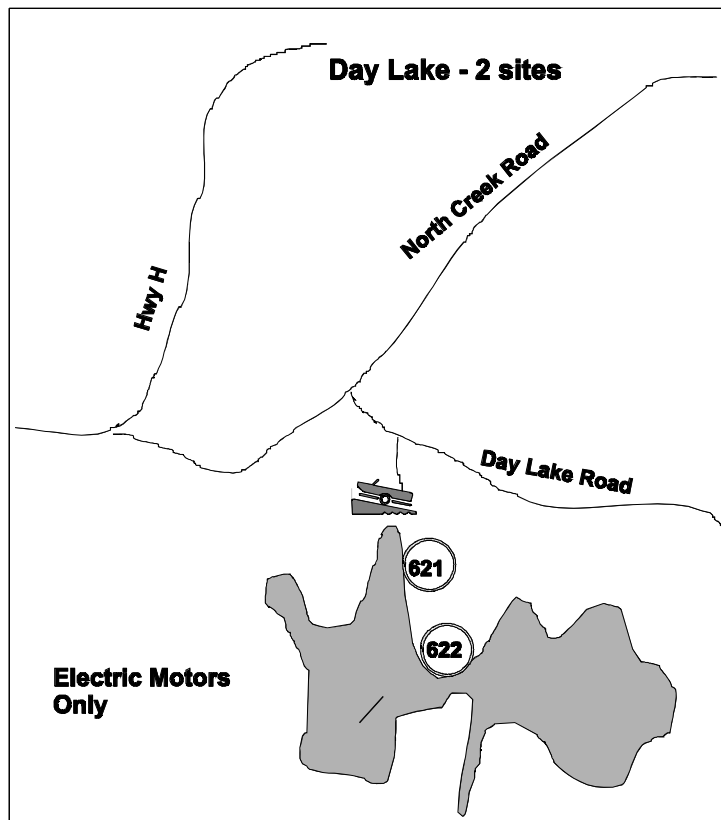
DAY LAKE WILDERNESS CAMPSITES

Day Lake is a 117 acre lake located south of North Creek Road between Highways M and H in Vials County.

There is an "Electric Motors Only" regulation on Day Lake. The shore is entirely state owned and has no development except for the boat landing. There are two sites approximately 150 yards apart with enough room for two small tents each. Each site has a picnic table, a stone fire ring, and a "Minnesota John" located nearby. The motor restriction and distance from a paved road make these sites relatively quiet and isolated.

Site 621 is found southeast of the boat landing in a mixed hardwood forest. There is a gradual slope from the rocky shoreline to the site. From the campsite, one has a view overlooking part of the lake.

Site 622 is located further south but along the same shore as site 621. A gradual slope and a good view of the lake is also present here. This site is surrounded by a maple and birch forest.



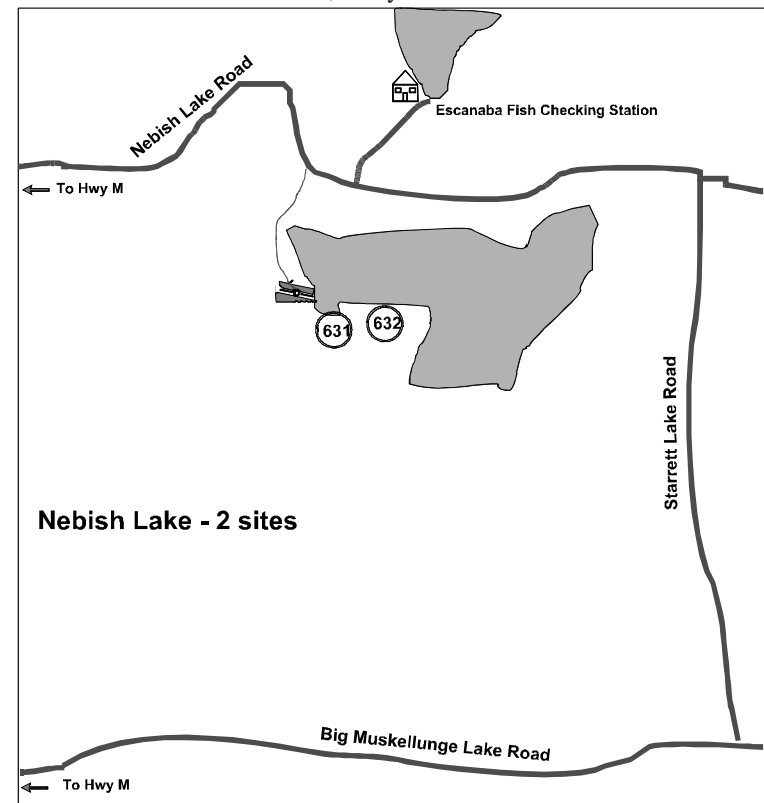
NEBISH LAKE WILDERNESS CAMPSITES

Nebish Lake, in Vilas County, is a 98 acre lake approximately three miles east of Hwy M. Nebish Lake Road, the entrance road, is directly across from the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters on Highway M.

Nebish Lake is an experimental research lake. You must register at the fish checking station at the Escanaba Lake boat landing before and after each fishing day. Consult your fishing regulations for special rules. There are two sites on Nebish, one is across the bay from the other. Both sites have a picnic table, a stone fire ring, and a "Minnesota John" located nearby. There is no development on Nebish Lake except for the boat landing.

Site 631 is approximately 100 yards from the boat landing. The lake bottom consists of mucky sand and logs. The slope to the camping area is gradual. Birch and maple trees are abundant and there is a good view of the lake.

Site 632 is approximately 1/2 mile from site 631. This is in a balsam and birch type forest. There is a little slope from the muck and silt bottom to the campsite. This is a wind-sheltered, fairly isolated site.



CLEAR LAKE WILDERNESS CAMPSITES

Clear Lake, in Oneida County, is approximately four miles east of Minocqua off Highway J. Access can be obtained at the boat landing at Clear Lake Campground off Woodruff Road, a user fee is required at the campground landing.

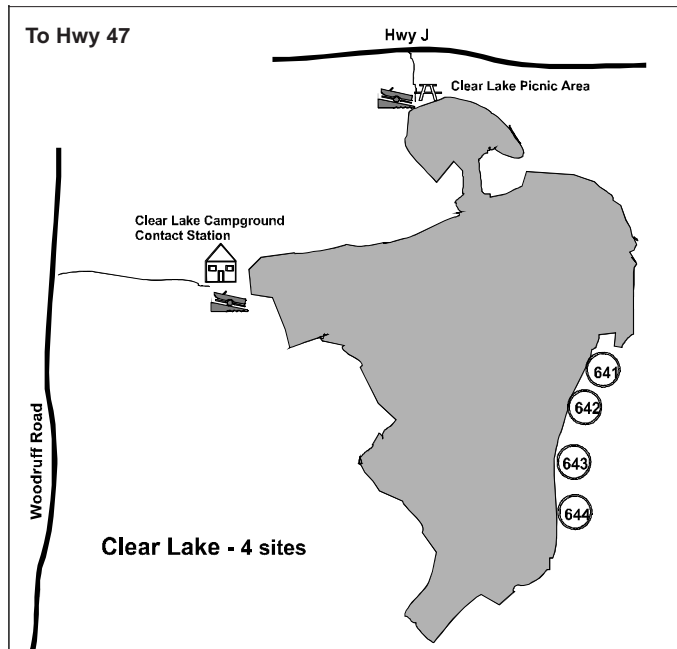
All four sites are along the east shore. They all have a picnic table and stone fire ring, and will accommodate several large tents. A Minnesota John is located along a path a short distance from each site. A hand pump for water is available near site 642. Both Clear and Little Bass Lakes have special regulations, so consult your fishing regulation pamphlet.

Site 641 is located close to the water and is isolated from the other sites. There is very little slope from the rock and sand shoreline to the site. The large pines along the shore and the maple forest inland make this a scenic location.

Site 642 is also conveniently close to the water and near a path leading to Little Bass Lake. The shore area consists of sand and rock with little slope from shore to the site.

Site 643 is found on a scenic ridge with tall pines overlooking Clear Lake. There is a moderate slope from shore to the site.

Site 644 is located in an area that overlooks the lake and is near a large bog and has a gradual slope. The variety of land formations near this site make it an interesting one to explore.



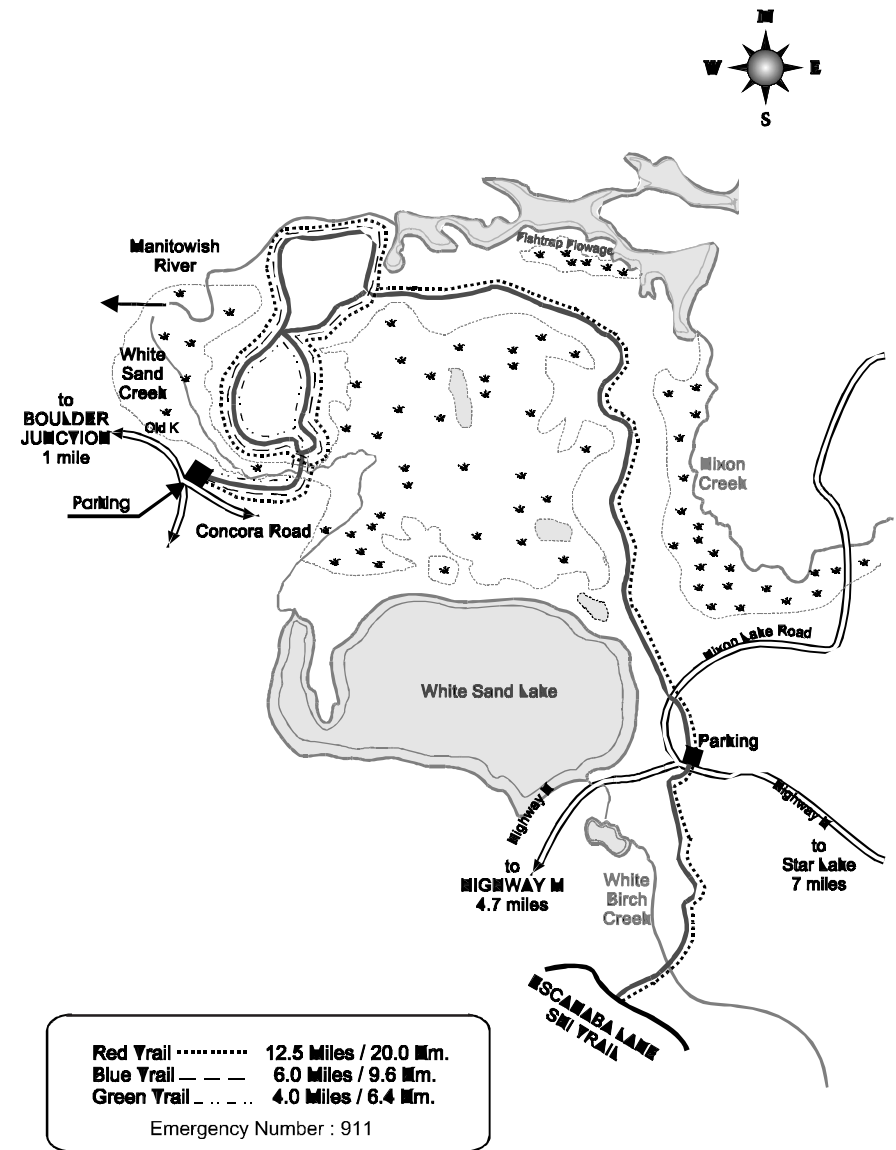
BACKPACKING

Your interest in backpacking indicates that you enjoy nature and seek solitude and that you enjoy the challenge of roughing it. As one who appreciates the forest environment, you are cordially welcome to the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. While most of the forest appears to be in a natural condition, you may come upon timber sales or other management activities during your trip. The NH-AL State Forest is a working forest. It is managed for timber production and wildlife as well as a variety of recreational activities. The management work is planned and programmed to keep the forest in a healthy condition. It is managed to provide fiber, fauna, and recreation. If your curiosity is aroused by anything you see during your stay on the Forest, please don't hesitate to ask questions of any of our staff. We welcome the opportunity to acquaint you with the operation of your forest.

GUIDELINES:

- 1) You must have a permit prior to setting up camp.
- 2) To receive your free camping permit, you must complete the off-site camping application. These permits are issued out of the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, the Clear and Crystal Lake Contact Stations (summer only), and the Woodruff Area DNR Service Center.
- 3) Permits are issued for along our snowmobile trails or the Lumberjack Trail. Hikers can leave their car at any of the parking lots along these trails. No liability is assumed by the Forest when you leave your car at any of these areas.
- 4) Have a tentative idea where you would like to set up camp before obtaining your permit. Remember, no camping within **50 feet of the trail** or within **200 feet from a body of water**.
- 5) The size of the camping party is the same as in our regular campgrounds, that being no more than 6 individuals or one family per site. Juvenile groups are an exception.
- 6) All garbage **must** be packed out.
- 7) Do not cut any living trees or shrubs.
- 8) Take along an insect repellent and a compass. Even if you plan on following a marked trail, you could stray from it and a compass would be invaluable.
- 9) For your own safety, boil your drinking water or use tablets.
- 10) Make sure your fire is out completely before leaving the area.

LUMBERJACK TRAIL



CAMPING ALONG CANOE ROUTES

The Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest offers canoeists the opportunity to camp along rivers and lakes at designated canoe campsites. There are currently over 70 sites on the State Forest. The majority of sites are on the Manitowish River and Manitowish Chain of Lakes. A variety of lake sites also exist. All campsites have a picnic table and stone fire ring. Sites are numbered and marked with yellow signs displaying a tent. Portages are designated by yellow signs with crossed paddles.

The Manitowish River flows 44 miles from High Lake to the Flambeau Flowage. There are three portages on the slow flowing river. Beginners as well as the avid canoeist can enjoy the scenic beauty of the Manitowish River. The following narratives describe four continuous sections of the Manitowish River.

- 1) High Lake to Fishtrap Dam: Put-in at the High Lake boat landing on the south side of Hwy B. The small creek leads to High Lake. Travel southwest through a culvert into Fishtrap Lake. Once through Fishtrap, the river meanders past Johnson and Nixon tributary creeks. Take out at the boat landing just upstream from the Fishtrap Dam. The 7.5 mile segment could be a day trip or an overnight trip. Total paddling time is 4 hours.
- 2) Fishtrap Dam to Highway K: Take Hwy M north of Boulder Junction and turn on High-Fishtrap Road. Stay to the right which is Dam Road. Put in below the dam that is downstream from the boat landing. The take-out is 6.1 miles at the boat landing just upstream from Hwy K. Paddling time is 3 hours. This could be a day or overnight trip.
- 3) Highway K to Highway 51: Put-in for this segment is just below the rapids on Hwy K. This segment is 15.5 miles and 8 hours of paddling. Allow several days for this trip. A short portage for the ten foot dam at Rest Lake and Hwy W is required. Take out where the Manitowish River and Hwy 51 intersect. For a shorter trip (4 hrs.) take out at the Island Lake boat landing.
- 4) Highway 51 to Murray's Landing: The last segment begins below the Hwy 51 bridge and runs 17 miles. A USGS topographic map is recommended for this trip as the river flows into the Flambeau Flowage, but not directly to Murray's Landing. Allow at least an overnight stay for this trip. Paddling time is 12 hours. Taking out at the Hwy 51 wayside or the Hwy 47 bridge can shorten this segment. Once past the Hwy 47 bridge there is no take out until Murray's Landing. Allow 4 hours paddling time for the Hwy 47 to Murray's Landing segment.
- 5) Alternate Canoe Routes: An alternate canoe route begins at White Sand Lake. Travel south through Lost Canoe and Pallette Lakes, then west on Stevenson Creek to Trout Lake. The Trout River then passes through Wild Rice, Alder and Manitowish Lakes. Paddling north of Manitowish Lake and under the Hwy 51 bridge allows you to connect with the Manitowish River route at Spider Lake. There are a total of 3 portages on this route. The total distance is 19 miles, but can be divided into smaller routes. Another alternate route would be to put in on Hwy. 182 on the Bear River and take out at Murray's Landing. Paddling time is 3 hours with all flat water.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Camping is permitted only at designated sites. Do not cut or damage living trees or shrubs. No more than six persons on a site. No fee is required. Access must be by watercraft. Camping is limited to one night only. Sites are available on a first come first serve basis.

Maintained Portages

	<u>Approximate Length</u>
White Sand Lake/Lost Canoe Lake	1700 ft
Lost Canoe Lake/Palette Lake	1400 ft
Plum Lake/Star Lake	1300 ft
Palette Lak/Stevenson Springs	700 ft
Manitowish River/Hwy K Rapids	600 ft
Fishtrap Dam Portage	300 ft
Rest Lake Dam Portage	300 ft

Trips

	<u>Miles</u>
Hwy B to Fishtrap Dam	7.5
Fishtrap Dam to Hwy M	2.5
Hwy M to Hwy K	3.6
Hwy K to Island Lake Landing	6.6
Island Lake to Hwy W	7.3
Hwy W to Hwy 51	1.5
Hwy 51 to Hwy 47	5.9
Hwy 47 to Murray's Landing	9.5
Total Miles:	44.4



SAFETY MESSAGES

Canoeing: Every canoe must carry a U. S. Coast Guard approved wearable lifesaving device for each person aboard. Passengers should wear a life jacket at all times. Most forest water trails are slow to moderately slow, but the canoeist should be aware of any changing conditions. As a rule, do not overload your watercraft.

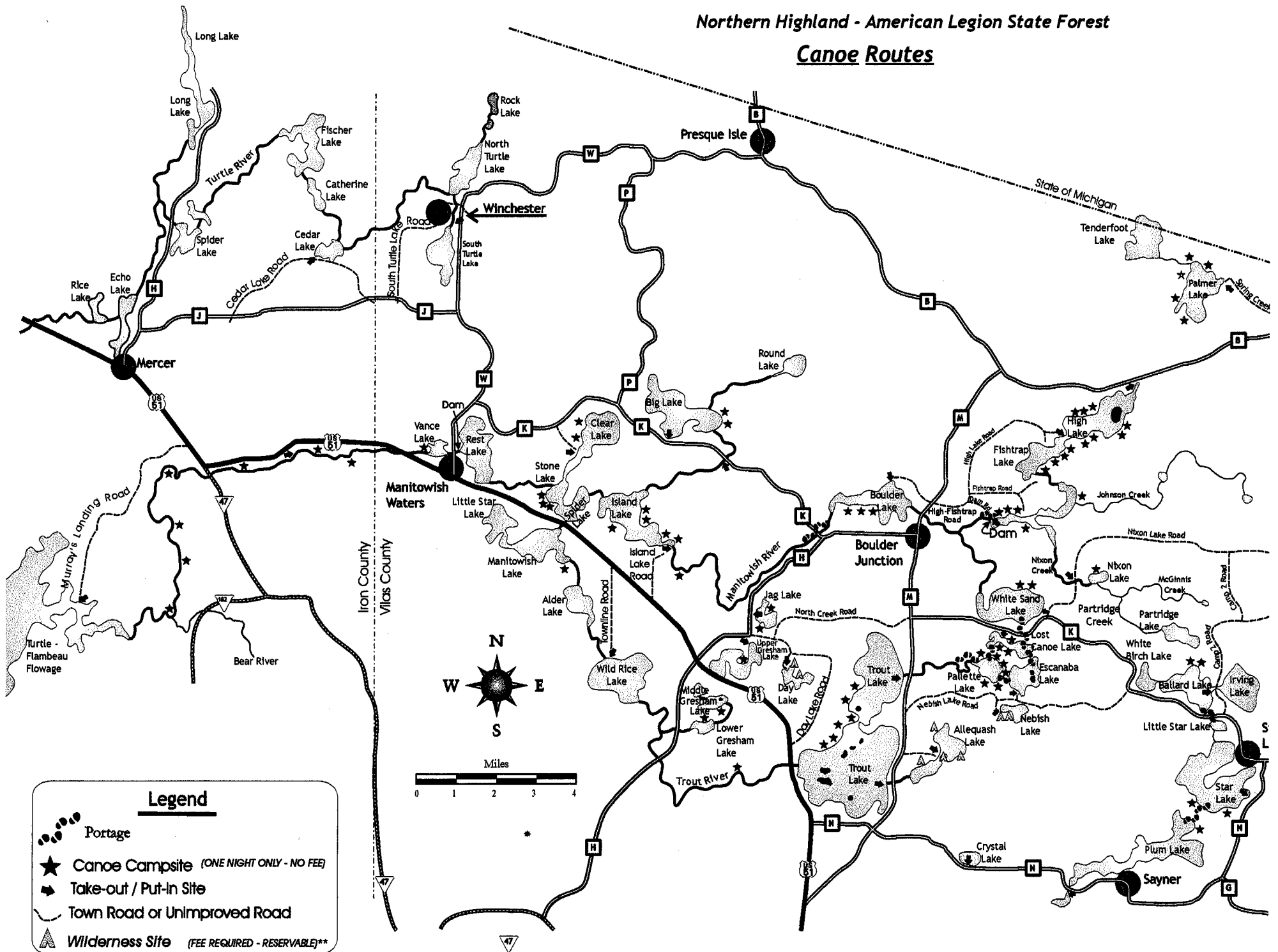
Swimming: Swim safely. Don't swim alone, at night, or in unfamiliar places. Use caution when wading as water depths may change abruptly. Watch small children closely near the water.

Campfires: Use caution and confine fires to a fire ring. Put the fire out if wind changes cause concern. Watch children closely near the fire. Once you have put a match to the fire don't use charcoal starter or any other flammable material. Make sure the fire is completely out and the grill or fire ring is cool before you leave the area.

Drinking Water: Boil all water, use approved tablets or filters before drinking.

Plants: Never eat berries or plant material unless you are certain of their identity.

Canoe Routes



Timber Management on the State Forest

Within the NH-AL Forest you may encounter forest management activities. This forest has an active timber harvest program, as well as tree planting, insect monitoring and fire control programs. Our forest management program involves sustaining the forest resource; providing products and economic benefits while maintaining the capability of providing forest benefits for the future.



Your State Foresters consider much more than timber values when establishing a timber sale. On the State Forest, recreation, wildlife habitat, water quality, endangered or threatened plants and animals as well as aesthetic impacts are drafted into the planning of forest management. Using the tools of aerial photographs, soil and wetland maps, and consulting with other

managers we can maintain the diverse habitat that make this forest a beautiful place to visit, as well as an important resource for wildlife of all kinds. Here is a picture of a group of foresters planning a timber sale.

Historically, northern Wisconsin was cut over between the late 1800s and 1930s. Much of the forest burned after the harvests, and old, charred remains can be found to this day. In 1911, Wisconsin's first state forester came to Vilas, Oneida and Iron Counties, and recommended parcels of cut and burned over lands to be purchased by the State Legislature. A 1924 legislative proposal expanded the state's authority to acquire land, resulting in the purchase of 92,000 acres. This property, then, was designated as the first state forest in 1925 and officially named the Northern Highland State Forest. Since the nation's first experiments in reforestation and fire control took place here, foresters had a head start in reclaiming the forest's beauty and protecting its resources. Today, the State Forest is 226,000 acres in size, the largest state forest in Wisconsin.

A tree nursery was established at Trout Lake in 1911 to reestablish the pinery in the north. By 1933 during the Civilian Conservation Corps era, peak production of over 11 million tree seedlings came from the Trout Lake tree nursery. Many seedlings from the Trout Lake nursery restocked popular recreation destinations today across much of northern Wisconsin. The nursery was phased out in 1968 but other tree nurseries in the state still provide seedlings for both public and private lands.



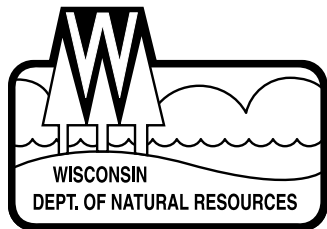
A logging contractor loads red pine pulpwood from a selective cut to haul to the mill.

Forest Management on the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest contributes to many benefits in our lives; from the essential products we use each day, the building supplies for our homes, offices and schools as well as the notable recreational opportunities we have at our doorstep. As your State Foresters, we are proud to provide these opportunities for both the economic and recreational benefits, yet maintain the unique treasures on this forest for generations to come.



This publication is available upon request in alternate formats for visually impaired persons. Please contact Kim Krawczyk at (715) 385-2704 to request alternate format.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to: Equal Opportunity Office, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington D.C. 20240



Division of Forestry

